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Bible Preaching-Reading Ministry

By J. Vernon McGee

For many years I have followed the practice of keying my sermons to the personal Bible reading of my congregation. I began in my first pastorate in Nashville, Tennessee, by urging the congregation to read the Bible in one year. I preached on Sunday morning from the particular portion being read, on Sunday night a popular message with an evangelistic thrust from that section, and at the midweek service I attempted to cover the week's reading in detail. The program doubled and finally tripled our midweek service attendance, as well as increasing it at all the other services.

Here at the Church of the Open Door (Los Angeles) we are preparing to begin the program for the fourth time in fourteen years. We have seen the midweek service climb to an attendance of 2,500. Well over 500 persons take notes during the messages. Over the years we have made some changes. The program this time, simply stated, began on December 7 with Genesis. We will probably take two Old Testament books; then we will weave back and forth from the Old to the New Testament. This time we expect to take a little more than two years in an unhurried fashion, taking from seven to eleven chapters each week. We ask the people to read the section under consideration not only once, but twice.

When a large company of people read a particular portion, it focuses attention on that section and gives the Holy Spirit an opportunity to work through the Word. This has been evident in the salvation of many and the growth of multitudes of others. It is my firm conviction that this type of appproach in the church is the only solution to the Bible ignorance abroad—even among conservative believers—today. And there is nothing that will enable the preacher to grow, study, and work as does this plan. This, I believe, is the way to revival.

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IT'S NEW!

It's New!

A little girl explained, "It's new!" "All my other dresses Mother got out of the trunk in the attic. But this one is from my grandmother—it's new!" As we come to the end of the year, it is the "old" year. It, along with the old things, is passing away. The Scriptures say: "Behold, all things are become new!"

The New Man

There is the new man. The new man is in Christ Jesus. Are you a new man, a new creation? This results from the experience of being born again by the power of the Holy Spirit. God wants all the old men in sin to become new men in Christ Jesus. But, they do not all know about this. They will never know about it unless they are told. New creatures in Christ Jesus are responsible for the telling.

A New Year

Actually every hour, every moment begins a new year. But for the sake of correctly recording time, we have calendar years. We came to the end of the old, we are in the beginning of the new In the New Year will we respond as "new" men should? Will we manifest the characteristics of the new man in Christ Jesus, or will we discontentedly continue to hold on to the old habits, the old sins, the old selfishnesses, the old dislikes, the old faithlessness. God wants every one of His children to be done with the old, and to receive with joy the new.

New Opportunities

Not all of the new year's opportunities are now in view; yet, we probably see many more right now than we have been willing to embrace. But God will reveal new and added ones as we follow the "walk" of the new man. Some will be new only in that they are expanded. Every good thing of the past is not an old thing, it is new every morning. We will want to continue in all those good things of the past and rejoice as they expand and develop before us. But there will be many things coming into our vision for the first time, just as the light from new luminaries comes into our view each year even though their light has been traveling since the morning of creation.

New Responsibilities

It would be wonderful, one might say, if the opportunities could continue to come without the resulting responsibilities. We love the opportunities but so often shun the responsibilities. Well, the one cannot be had without the other. The old year had so many failures, times when we failed to measure up to our responsibilities. The new year has no failures until we make them. Probably there will be many of them, but it is our privilege to limit or prevent them as, in the words of the Apostle Paul, we "buy up our opportunities."

New Babes in Christ

There were many such babes last year. In our Brethren foreign-mission work alone there were thousands who accepted Jesus Christ as personal Saviour. There is every reason to believe that increasing thousands will accept Christ during this new year. The number who accept will probably be limited only by the number who proclaim. Will *you* be a proclaimer? Some cannot go, but all can help to send. If there is the same dedication and sacrifice in the sending as in the going, and the same willing surrender to the will of God, there can be the same blessing in the sending as in the going.

The New Hope

Our hope is really in the new things that God has in store for those who love Him. The world is very dark. It is dusk in world affairs, the night is upon us. There may be bombs, fallout, carnage, death, separation, and heartache beyond description in this new year. It seems very probable that such will be. But there is hope. If we are in Christ Jesus, and the bombs come down, we go up! "The coming of the Lord draweth nigh." I do not know when He will come, but I know He will come. And, His coming must be very, very near. That is our blessed hope, our hope of new things.

A New Concern

There is one sobering concern related to the soon coming of Jesus Christ. Multitudes, multitudes, and more multitudes have never heard of the first coming of Jesus Christ and of His wonderful plan of salvation. We can do something about it. What we do, let us do quickly!

• Missionary Mailbag •

Rio Cuarto, Argentina

Greetings from Rio Cuarto!

We have had a wonderful trip thus far and the Lord has been answering prayers for guidance and safety. We arrived in Buenos Aires on Friday, November 17, after spending twenty-seven days aboard ship. We were beginning to feel like we joined the Navy instead of just being passengers aboard. When we pulled up to the dock in Buenos Aires, Brother Hoyt, the Bishops, and the Maconaghys were there to greet us.

On Wednesday we went down to customs with Brother Maconaghy. The Lord undertook as the man just glanced into our barrels and didn't even wait around for a tip, so the price was zero. We immediately went to the bus station, where there was a line and people were crowded everywhere waiting to buy tickets. But a man who worked there, a friend of Brother Maconaghy, stepped out and greeted us. After a brief moment the man went into the office and brought out two tickets for Rio Cuarto in a bus leaving Friday. We immediately accepted them, for many people, we had heard, were ordering tickets a month ahead because of the train strike. We spent Thursday with the Bishops, and Friday morning Brother Bishop took us to the bus depot and sent us on our way. We arrived in Rio Cuarto that same evening after about eleven hours on the road. We are staying in the mission at present and will be helping Brother Dowdy with some camp building. Then the last of the month, after visiting a few of the churches here in the meantime, we will go to Huinca Renanco where we will settle down in the work there.

—Rev. Clark Miller

Yaloke, Africa

We have had some terrific cases here at Yaloke. It is quite a place. Ten days ago they brought a man in who had a textbook case of tetanus. We hear a lot about it, and many have anti-shots for it, but not many see it. It is a terrible death, and nothing to be done for it. Now since last evening I have a worse case—rabies, a young man who was bit a month ago. At first I thought it was maybe just pneumonia, but when I gave him the pills to swallow, that was something else again. My fear is for the many people around him.

—Miss Mary Beth Munn

Boguila, Africa

We have had about fifty applicants for getting into the medical work this year. We gave them examinations and on that basis took twenty-two into special classes. At the end of the first five weeks eleven of them were eliminated. There probably will be only seven or eight who make the grade and begin working in a dispensary. They are all hungry for an education, but they have so little foundation. Only three among the new ones have been through sixth grade, and only two among all the medical workers we have taken on in the past had been through sixth grade. A few of them who come to us without any foundation show real ability to learn, but so many fall by the wayside. Two of our older fellows have taken a year's leave of absence from the medical work to attend school at Yaloke and try to get their sixth-grade diploma.

A few of the new candidates who were not able to make the grade, but who show possibilities, are attending my wife's vernacular monitors' school this year to try again for the medical work next year.

Things are crowded by taking only boys into high school. We have made no provision at all for girls. So, when these young fellows get out of school and ready to take a wife, there will just be no girls on a level to be help meets to them.

One of the saddest things about this situation is that African Christian sentiment does not yet sense the need for girls to be educated. When one of our brightest, most up-and-coming medical workers was asked: "Does your wife know how to read?" He hesitated a moment and then answered: "I suppose she does; she used to."

—Dr. Floyd Taber

Icoaraci, Brazil

This was a very successful year in our school. It was a blessing to note that nearly all of the students who were studying the Bible course, which is a regular part of their material, declared in writing in the space provided for the purpose at the end of the course that they were believers and were trusting in the Lord. One girl even came to the teacher and asked what she should do to become a believer. This girl confessed her faith then and also later in one of the church services. So we feel that the school is really doing a good work spiritually as well as educationally. We have a very real expectation that it will soon be fully accredited by the state department of education.

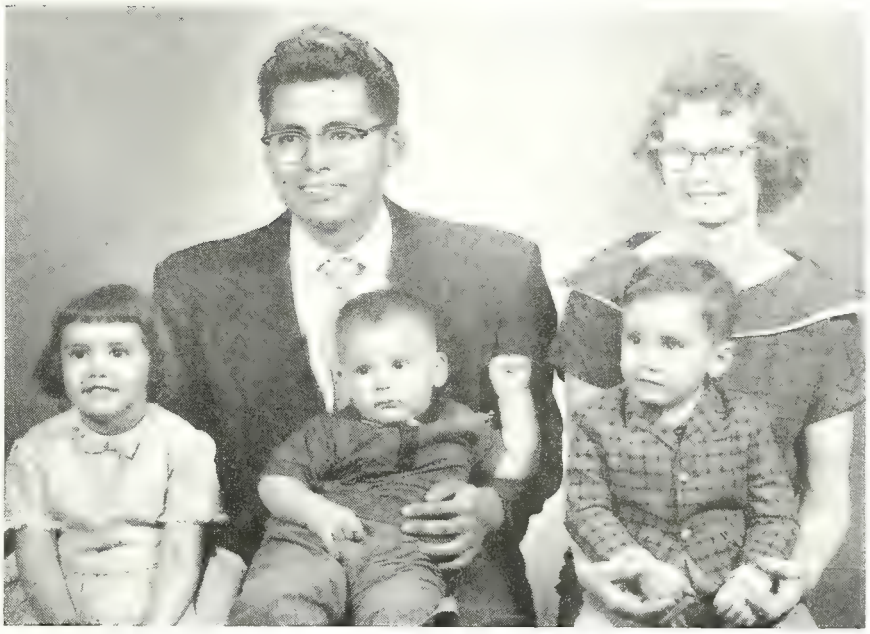
—Rev. Keith Altig

Grenoble, France

We have started our "Lyon Bible Institute" though we have only two students. Nevertheless, these boys are very interested, and are our most encouraging prospects for the future. Children's classes have been started again this fall in Lyon, and are going fairly well. We just finished the project of making a slide program of the Christmas story with the children at Lyon—complete with a manger, sheep, angels, et cetera. This I intend to use also in deputation work next year.

Here in Grenoble we have two children's classes on Thursday mornings with good interest. Tonight we are starting our meetings for university students in the English language. The IVCF already operates in French. However, I am looking for at least one French boy tonight. We have a meeting once a month in our home for the pastors of the city for fellowship and mutual help. We are planning to have one church service a month in English in the local Baptist church. Our contacts with our neighbors are interesting, and we have had several occasions to be in their homes now, as well as

New Missionaries for Mexico



Phil and Amy and their children—Lorita, Martin, and Phil, Jr.

There have been few volunteers for the work in Mexico since the Brethren testimony was begun there over ten years ago. However, the foreign board has been anxiously anticipating the time when a certain candidate family would be ready to go out.

The Lord has called Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Guerena to His harvest field in Mexico. Phil is of Mexican parentage, although he was born and grew up in Los Angeles, California. Until he found Christ as his Saviour, he was heading further all the time into a careless life of sin. But when Jesus Christ changed Phil Guerena's life, He immediately impressed this young man with the need of giving his life for missionary service. Ever since that time, through Biola College and Grace Theological Seminary training, and various kinds of practical experience, Phil has had the goal of serving the Lord on the mission field. Already God has greatly used him in winning souls to Christ.

Amy Guerena says she has wanted to be a missionary for as long as she can remember. Having grown up in Montana where her parents were missionaries to the Cheyenne Indians under a Mennonite mission, she well knows the significance and duties of the life of a missionary. She and Phil met when they were both students at Biola. She has shared much of her husband's practical experience in Christian work (see "God's 'Exceeding Abundantly' in Mexico," by Mrs. Phillip Guerena in the *Brethren Missionary Herald* for December 5, 1959 and January 2, 1960.

It is greatly desired that the Guerenas may be able to enter the work in Mexico very shortly. But before that is possible, funds must be obtained to buy their outfit, to pay for its transportation and their transportation to the field, and enough to care for their expenses for their first year on the field.

Brethren people are being asked to contribute for the Guerenas through the Missionary Outfit Club of their local church. Materials are being sent to the local chairmen, or to the pastor when there is no local chairman. A contribution of $1.00 or more is suggested for each MOC member. If every member of the Brethren Fellowship would contribute, what great things could be accomplished in sending forth new missionaries!

Will you help send these new missionaries into the field of their calling? Thank you so much!

to invite them. I am hoping to be able to do more distribution and bill-posting in the area with Doris. Then, with a worker in another mission we hope to have several film showings in villages, though until now time has been lacking.

—Rev. Tom Julien

Don Bosco, Argentina

Here in Don Bosco we are just thrilled to see the young people grow in spirituality and in their sense of responsibility. They have an open-air Happy Hour every Sunday afternoon in a nearby suburb, Villa Dominico, and have faithfully cared for that for one year right straight through the winter. They practically have all the Sunday school in their hands—one has the superintendency, three are teachers, one is organist, and all work together in general planning and visitation. Three boys stop at the church each morning for prayer and the learning of Scripture texts with me. They are on their way to work in Buenos Aires so stop by for a half-hour. Two of these want to go to Bible institute next year. They want to go so badly they eat it, drink it, dream it, and plan it. However, their parents are unsaved and do not look too favorably upon the idea. They want to start working with the adolescents to win them to the Lord—they're thinking of some kind of boys-club activities. We're going to have a tent campaign in Villa Dominico probably in January, and the young people are going to head this up. I'll probably do the preaching, but they will organize and be responsible for all the rest. Four of the boys are now doing some preaching. I guess I've said enough to let you see why we're so thankful for them.

—Rev. Solon Hoyt

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Missionary Helpers From Cleveland



These boys and girls are some of the MH group from Cleveland, Ohio. This picture was taken when Rev. John Zielasko, missionary to Brazil, was with them before he returned to the field. In the front row, left to right, are Barbara Brickel, Jonnie Brickel, Nancy Turner, Virginia Cole; in the second row, left to right, David Brickel, Ricky Cole, Bobby Turner. In the back you will see Mr. Zielasko.



MISSIONARY HELPERS

Left to right: Ken Strawsburg, Long Beach, California, Bethel and Robin Price, Long Beach, California, Timothy Nedrow, Anaheim, California, all of the Los Altos Brethren Church.

KNOWING YOUR MISSIONARIES



Miss Gail Jones is in the U.S. at the present time after serving two terms as a missionary nurse in Africa. She first left the States in 1952, and after spending time in language study in France and tropical medical training in Belgium, she arrived in Africa in the summer of 1953. There she served the Lord first at the Bassai station and then at Boguila. More recently, just before her furlough, Miss Jones was in charge of the medical work at Yaloke.

There's a new Brethren church in Brazil—it's called

The Saint Anthony Bay Brethren Church

By Rev. Bill Burk

The date was a Thursday some months ago, the place was Saint Anthony Bay, and the purpose of the gathering was a barn raising (the building looks more like a barn than a church). And the routine was somewhat the same: everyone came early in the morning on his own "mount" (as they call their dugouts) and with his own ax and jungle knife. Senhor Manoel brought his wife, Tereza, each week to help Dona Carmen, the lady of the house where the beans and rice were being prepared for the afternoon lunch.

The first weeks were spent in the jungle felling trees; for durability the men chose those which were heavier than water. It was really a thrill to see them carve their way through the vines and undergrowth—and to follow a trail which I was unable to see. Even a young teen-ager could wield the ax or machete in a way that made me ashamed. And when it came to shouldering a long pole to haul to the riverbank they always gave me the light end, but every one of those days was hard on my back (and shirt). An American who rides around in a motorboat is a frail specimen of humanity from their viewpoint—he can't fell trees, can't paddle a canoe any distance without tiring, can't carry a thing on his head!

We rented a large boat, propelled by a single long oar, to move the materials to the building site. Then began the work of shoving each post down into the mud. And upon this framework was constructed our church. Only rough boards, nails, whitewash, and a few clay roofing tile for the gable were purchased away from the island. Even the thick shingles—about 2,500 of them—were whittled one by one out of the local jungle by one of the brethren. The men of the new church gave their own labor and seemed quite confident that God was aware of that which they were doing and that it was not in vain.

At meal time we sang a chorus, then one of them prayed (first hard time for some) before they went to work with only a big spoon and their fingers. At first some of the men crossed themselves at the end of the meal. When questioned they said that it was a habit learned from their ancestors—they weren't quite sure why it was done. (Little by little such meaningless habits are exchanged for something useful, in this case the simple prayer of thanksgiving at mealtime.) Everyone then stretched out on the floor for a siesta before going back to the job. Since we worked just one day a week, it took us a while to realize the goal, but finally it was finished.

Every bench was filled on November 12 and we dedicated the little chapel named after the bay on which it stands. There was special music by George and Evelyn Johnson, a message on John 14 by our new pastor from Possum Island, Senhor Benjamin Silva, along with the other elements of a dedication program, and the church building was officially in use.

It's over! And yet it isn't, for the beginning is just now. Pray for these young Brethren, fishermen all, as they launch out on their greatest of fishing trips, that of fishing for the men of their bay.





Dedication day—left, exterior view of new church; right, congregation—note that the men sit down front to hear well!

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WHITTIER, CALIF.—Rev. and Mrs. C. B. Sheldon arrived by plane from the Central African Republic on Monday, December 11. They came to seek medical attention for Mr. Sheldon, who since soon after his return from furlough in September 1960 had been experiencing increasingly serious physical difficulty. He was admitted to the Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital here, where thorough tests were conducted. The examinations ruled out some of the difficulties feared, and revealed the apparent cause of his trouble, which it is believed will be corrected by surgery which was scheduled for December 27.

LONG BEACH, CALIF.—Mrs. Loree Sickel, veteran missionary to Argentina, has arrived here for furlough. Although her furlough was overdue, she had intended to remain on the field a few more months before making the trip to the U.S. However, her doctors urged her coming at this time for complete tests and possible surgery.

RIO CUARTO, ARGENTINA—Mrs. J. Paul Dowdy underwent major surgery here on December 4.

BOZOUM, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC—The annual meeting of the field council began at the Bible Institute station near here on December 27 and was expected to last about ten days. The total number of persons attending this year is the smallest in some time with only thirty-two adult missionaries being on the field at present. The General Conference of the African Brethren Church convened here for their fourth annual meeting in late Novmber.

DETROIT, MICH. — Miss Gail Jones, missionary nurse on furlough from the Central African Republic, is taking a special obstetrical course of several months duration at the Woman's Hospital here.

WINONA LAKE, IND.—The FMS office and the Marvin Goodman, Jr., family wish to express deep and heartfelt gratitude to the many, many people who have helped in tangible ways, plus those who contributed toward the volume of prayer impossible of estimation, during the hospitalization of Anne Goodman in Seattle, Washington. Special recognition is due the unselfish service of Miss Mary Ann Habegger, missionary nurse on furlough from Africa, who spent a number of weeks in Seattle as a companion and an encouragement to Anne. Pastor and Mrs. Phillip Simmons of Seattle, and Pastor and Mrs. Leslie Moore of Sunnyside also gave of themselves in much time and service. Mr. and Mrs. Keith McDaniels of Sunnyside, with whom David and Anne Goodman make their home, also join in expressing thanks, not only for what the Lord has done for Anne, but for what He has accomplished in behalf of Mr. McDaniels, who underwent very serious brain surgery some months ago. In his case, where the doctors gave little hope for recovery, only the goodness of the Lord can be recognized in the continual progress of Mr. McDaniels.

Anne's physical difficulty has stemmed from polio which she contracted on the field in Africa nearly ten years ago, when she was only three years old. She entered the Children's Orthopedic Hospital in Seattle this past September for correction of the dislocated hip which had been revealed in her leg not affected by the polio. A "staph" infection developed after the surgery and many anxious moments followed. Anne was placed in isolation where she remained for a number of weeks. It was during this time that Miss Habegger went to Seattle to be with Anne.

Through all her time in the hospital Anne maintained a cheerful attitude and a fine testimony for the Lord. The 460-plus cards and letters which arrived during her confinement, most of them saying, "We are praying for you," was a testimony in itself to the hospital staff.

Early in December Anne was released from isolation and her leg taken out of traction. There followed a time of therapy, and she was scheduled to go home a few days before Christmas. Miss Habegger returned to her home in Berne, Indiana, the week before Christmas.

Again, the most sincere thanks are expressed to Christian people who have rallied to this need, and above all, to an ever-faithful, prayer-answering God!

NEW DELHI, INDIA (MNS)—The International Missionary Council, born out of a deep missionary passion which called for the evangelization of the world in our generation, has now been buried in the thirteen-year-old World Council of Churches—to be known hereafter as the Division of World Mission and Evangelism.

The merger, which was completed here November 19, had long been heralded as the means of bringing the vigor and freshness of the missionary passion into the main stream of World Council activities. It was felt that the world missionary movement, which dates back to the World Missionary Conference in Edinburgh in 1910, would gain new strength from the growing WCC.

Any missionary passion, however, which remained in the hearts of International Missionary Council leaders must have been jolted by (1) the declarations of the newest WCC member—the Russian Orthodox Church, whose Patriarch Alexei took opportunity in his first message before the Council to condemn missionary activity, and (2) the Council's recommendation to curb "proselytism."

Neither did the suggested functions of the new Division of World Mission reassure observers that the WCC

is going to become more missionary because of the merger. Some of the functions are: (1) To proclaim the essential oneness of the Church of Christ, and to keep permanently before the World Council and the churches the obligation to manifest that unity and its urgency for world mission and evangelism; (2) To study questions of faith, order and worship, with the relevant social, cultural, political, national, and other functions and their bearing on the unity of the churches; (3) To study the theological implications of the existence of the ecumenical movement; (4) To study matters in the present relationship of the churches to one another which cause difficulties and need theological clarification; and (5) To provide information concerning actual steps by the churches toward reunion.

These activities seemed far removed indeed from the passion for world evangelization which characterized the World Missionary Conference at Edinburgh in 1910.

Only the Norwegian Missionary Council officially disapproved the integration of the IMC into the World Council. The new Division of World Mission and Evangelism brought with it into the WCC thirty-eight national Christian councils and national missionary councils. Some councils were lost previously due to the imminent merger, and others are expected to break ranks following the present meeting.—EFMA Missionary News Service

NEW YORK CITY (MNS)—"The World Council of Churches is mounting a full-scale attack on the word 'proselytism' and all that it connotes," says the *New York Times*, reporting on the Third Assembly of that body which began meetings on November 18 in New Delhi, India.

Long fearful of missionary activities, Orthodox communities now backed by the presence of the Russian Orthodox Church in the Council have launched a drive which will curb the activity of missionary agencies in the regions which they consider Orthodox.

Bishop Theophilos of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church told the delegates at New Delhi: "We are distressed by the misplaced enthusiasm evinced by some groups and bodies who call themselves Christian to draw away members of the Orthodox Church into their own folds. They seem to think that this kind of sheep-stealing is part of their legitimate missionary work. We want to emphasize especially the importance of taking definite steps to counteract the un-Christian element in proselytizing policies of those groups."

The head of the Russian Orthodox Church, newly-elected to membership in the World Council of Churches, told the Council that the Russian Church opposes missionary activity and added that his church has never identified Christian witness with "proselytizing or other such non-Christian acts."—EFMA Missionary News Service

WINONA LAKE, IND.—Rev. Florent D. Toirac, president of Spanish-World Gospel Broadcasting with headquarters here, has reported on his eighteen-day tour inside communist Cuba this fall. When he arrived in Havana, he learned of the cancellation of both his gospel broadcasts which had been aired there, as well as the open-air meetings which had been scheduled. He found travel in Cuba very hazardous due to the continual searching and interrogation of the militia, as well as the constant breaking-down of what has been left of the transportation system. One purpose of the trip was to visit his mother and to renew contacts with thousands of Christians there who are going through dark hours of trial. Mr. Toirac was permitted to go to his mother's home in Oriente Province, but he was accompanied by militia with a two-way radio and the ever-present machine gun. For their sake, he shortened the visit to his relatives as he felt it was better to keep moving.

Mr. Toirac reports: "The persecution against the believers increases as the grip of the new regime grasps the country and its way of life. Churches and properties are being nationalized. Civil defense committees are being established in each block of every community. Membership is compulsory and requires each person to take his turn at lecturing on the regime's program, and the indoctrination of others, as well as patrolling the block in an effort to keep a watch on neighbors.

Mr. Toirac says that over 200 Cuban pastors had left Cuba within a period of a few weeks. "Many Christians have compromised by going along with the regime, not knowing the end purpose of communism. Others have paid the price and are imprisoned, while some are able to continue in the Lord's work the best they can. Christians throughout Cuba are desolate and are as sheep having no shepherd in the hour of trial. . . . One of my brothers, a pastor of a Baptist church in Havana, must either leave the country or suffer the consequences. His church has been surrounded twice by militia with machine guns, and his name is on the communists' black list. . . . The threat of international communism from Cuba to Latin America and to the United States is more serious than most people realize. . . . What has happened in Cuba could happen at any time to any of the shaky Latin American countries, and it could happen also to the United States."

Mr. Toirac, a native Cuban, served as a missionary in Haiti, and also in France and Spain under the Greater Europe Mission, before undertaking his present work of taping and distributing gospel broadcasts in the Spanish language.

What Is the James Gribble Memorial High School?

By Jean-Louis Steudler

(Editor's note: This is a second article by Brother Steudler, of Switzerland, who is serving as superintendent of our French-school system in Africa. Dr. Orville Jobson made the translation from the French.)

In the French-school system, which is the program adopted by the Central African Republic, children completing six years of primary school may obtain what the French call the "Certificat Primaire." Actually only about ten percent of the children following the course of study in the primary school receive their certification. This year some 3,000 children obtained this certificate, but of these only 500 are able to continue their education because there are not enough high schools.

The mission began its high school in October 1960 with a class of twenty-six. These students came from several of the African churches. For the most part their primary education was received in public schools, but they are Protestant. To be able to come to the mission high school, students must have a scholarship. That is to say that their churches must pay for their books, medical insurance, and supply them four dollars a month for food. All of this comes to about fifty dollars per student for the school year. However, since the sums available for education from the African churches is naturally limited, only a very few students can be sent from any one church.

Goal

We regret this situation, for we would like to have as many Christian boys and girls as possible come to the high school. This is our goal, for since being in Africa we are more convinced than ever that education alone is deceiving. To be convinced of this, one has only to see the difficulties that the young African republics are having with their students from public schools. They have become very self-assertive, critical, and often haughty and contemptuous. Many European professors serving in the public schools have left the country this year and have been deceived by the results of their efforts. The only instruction that has any real value is that which is based on a solid foundation, one that has a conviction which can stand all tests: the Gospel of Jesus Christ and faith in Him. This is why we have a deep desire to accomplish our goal to have as many young Africans as possible attend our high school.

Courses

Here are some of the courses open to the students coming to the James Gribble Memorial High School:

1. Follow the regular four-year course to completion. (The high-school diploma is called the "Brevet Elementaire.")

2. After one year in the high school a student may then enter the school of theology or the dental school; the latter is at Boguila.

3. After two years a student may enter the normal school.

4. There is also open a commercial course (rudiments of bookkeeping, correspondence, and typing). Or, a student may enter the nurses' training school at Boguila.

5. For those completing the regular high-school course, an additional year in the normal school is available to enable him to teach in the higher grades of the primary school.

6. It is the hope of the school that all of its students, in one way or another, may become servants of God whose task would be to counsel and lead their brethren.

Conclusion

It is very apparent that the Lord has richly blessed the educational work. It is ours to continue to follow the route open before the mission and the churches. Let us not hold back when God leads. In order to provide for the full development of this high school we must have adequate classrooms and additional teaching personnel. Will you help in this urgent ministry. Thank you in advance for praying, which we greatly need. You know that when God blesses, the enemy will roar!



The proposed high school as sketched by artist Joe Dombek

THE BIG NEWS

MEMBER EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION

WINONA LAKE, IND. Rev. Kenneth Russell has accepted the call to become the pastor of Bethel Brethren Church of Berne, Ind. Mr. Russell will complete his studies at Grace Theological Seminary Jan. 12, 1962. He will assume his pastoral duties Jan. 14.

SOUTH PASADENA, CALIF. Doug Bray has accepted a call to become pastor of the Fremont Avenue Brethren Church here. He assumed his duties Dec. 1.

PARAMOUNT, CALIF. The new elementary school building, and the locker and shower rooms unit of the new gym at Brethren schools in Paramount are nearing completion.

PHOENIX, ARIZ. A midwinter National Sunday School Association convention will be held here Jan. 24 through 26, 1962. Rev. Harold H. Etling will be one of the workshop speakers.

WINONA LAKE, IND. Congressman Charles Halleck sent as a gift to the Grace College student body a flag that used to fly over the White House. Halleck sent the flag to Grace after the student council had asked for one that had actually been on the White House flag pole. The flag was flown from the White House on July 4 of last year and will soon fly in front of the Grace Seminary building on the campus.

ELKHART, IND. The Grace Brethren Church voted an increase in their pastor's salary. Gordon Bracker is pastor.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS. Rev. and Mrs. William Ernest, Box 41, Hulbert, Mich. The new home telephone number for Rev. Arnold Kriegbaum is Warsaw 267-3627. Please change Annual.

FOREST HOME, CALIF. A winter challenge for young people was conducted by the Brethren Youth Council at Camp Rancho during Dec. 28-30, 1961. Rev. Ward Miller was the main speaker at the evening inspiration hour. Mr. Ernie Bearinger conducted the spiritual competition. Rev. Charles H. Ashman, Jr., was chairman of the round table discussion period on problems of youth. Mr. Dale O'Neal provided the conference music, and various testimonies were given by the youth who had attended national youth conference at Estes Park, Colo., during this past summer.

ALEXANDRIA, VA. John J. Burns, pastor of the Commonwealth Brethren Church, was recently elected president of the Greater Washington Sunday School Association. Mr. Burns was also the speaker at the United Airlines employees' Christmas service at the National Airport on Dec. 22.

PARKERSBURG, W. VA. Mr. and Mrs. Okey Full, members of the Grace Brethren Church here, recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with an open house at their home. Richard Placeway, pastor.

CHICO, CALIF. The Grace Brethren Church here erected the fifth annual nativity scene with live people and animals on the church lawn during Dec. 18-25, 1961. Approximately 9,000 people view this scene annually. Christmas tracts are distributed to the viewers. Arthur Pekarek is pastor.

SAN JOSE, CALIF. Lyle Marvin, pastor of Grace Brethren Church here, announces that on Dec. 10 there was a record-breaking attendance of 110 in Sunday school. This is the first time the attendance has exceeded the 100 mark.

WINONA LAKE, IND. Word has reached here of the sudden death of Mr. Russell Julien, father of Tom Julien, missionary to France. Mr. Julien resided in Arcanum, Ohio, and his death on Dec. 8 was due to a heart attack. Just this past spring Mr. and Mrs. Julien had enjoyed a visit with their son and family in Grenoble, France.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. The 27th Annual Torrey Memorial Bible Conference, sponsored by the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, Inc., will begin Jan. 27 and continue through Feb. 2, 1962, in eleven of Southern California's leading evangelical churches. Speakers will be brought from nine states and Great Britain.

The conference is held yearly to perpetuate the main emphasis of the ministry of Dr. R. A. Torrey, world renowned evangelist, Bible teacher, and first dean of The Bible Institute of Los Angeles, Inc.

CHICAGO, ILL. The 56th Founder's Week Conference will be held at Chicago's Moody Bible Institute Feb. 5 through 11, 1962. Sixteen outstanding speakers will address the conference.

This year's conference begins on the 125th birthday of the Institute's founder, Dwight Lyman Moody. Moody Bible Institute is one of the Nation's oldest and largest Bible and missionary training schools on a college level. The school is now in its 76th year.

WHITTIER, CALIF. The Community Brethren Church, Ward A. Miller, pastor, received the "green Light' from the County Building Department on Nov. 12 that construction could begin immediately on their church building program. The new construction will double the size of the present auditorium and provide classrooms for five additional adult Sunday school classes. This is the fifth building project for this church in the ten years of its existence. A ten-year program of building and expansion is already under consideration for the future.

ENDS EARTHLY PILGRIMAGE

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

BERKEY, Mrs. Harry, went to be with the Lord Thanksgiving night. She was a member of the Flora (Ind.) Grace Brethren Church. The pastor officiated at the service.

—Rolland Hein, pastor

LOOKING . . .

or Languishing?

Let's quit "looking" and see something. All of us visit stores while shopping and tell the clerks, "I'm just looking." Beloved, isn't it time that we believers in the true and living God awake to the *Biblical* meaning of looking?

"Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he" (Prov. 29:18). This verse says to us: "Unless we stop 'looking' and really 'see' the vital, eternal issue demanding our attention today, the people will become as lawless ones; that is, casting off all restraint; but the one who watches, or keeps, God's Word is happy." What a verse for the hour in which we live! Why are there so few Christians? Because God's people lack a heavenly vision, a vision from Christ himself. "Where there is no vision, the people perish." Note that the answer belongs to the one who keeps, or obeys, the Word of God. And don't miss "Happy is he," for there is the guaranteed reward that obedience to God's Word will always make one happy. If we believe God, let's stop "looking" with the casualness of a window shopper and get into the real market of the souls of men. Our casualness is causing casualties. Satan, the great adversary, is "playing" for keeps. Dare we do less than come to grips with the eternal life and death issues before us! But wait! Our actions must be prefaced with a Biblical vision—a divine eye-opener. Let us take three Biblical "looks" to gain a vision of our task.

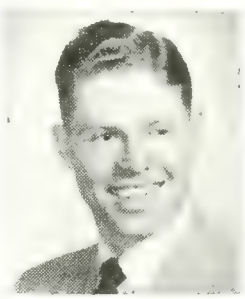
Looking Out to the Field

Let us look out to the field which Jesus plainly tells us is the world. This earthly ball is now being populated at a frightening rate. World population now stands at about 2,905,000,000. The average life span is about forty years.

We must not only look at the field factually, but also feelingly. We cannot say that the harvest is not ripe. Spiritual sowing and reaping should be simultaneous and perpetual ministries. Let us ask the Spirit to help us visualize this vast multitude. A recent missionary publication stated that if this army of humanity were formed into a single line, they would reach around the world sixty-six times. They are *our* responsibility. Are not many of these people living right in our own homes, next door, or just around the corner? We must see them through the eyes of our compassionate Saviour.

Looking Up to the Finisher

To consider this gigantic task of evangelizing the millions of our generation in our own strength and wisdom is to court failure. We need the inspiration and example of a known winner. This we can have by "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds" (Heb. 12: 2-3). The word "looking" in this passage has two facets. It here means to look away from any distraction and look *toward* Jesus in a fixed, stedfast manner. If we so look to our Chief Witness and Great Consummator, we shall not become discouraged. He counted not the price too great to taste death for all mankind. What is our greatest delight? Is it to win some soul to Jesus? To look to Jesus is to love Him; to love Him is to obey Him.



By Rev. W. Carl Miller

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Harrah, Washington

Looking Ahead to the Future

It has been helpful to look to the field to be *informed*, to the faith Finisher to be *inspired* but we need to be *impelled* by a Biblical look into the future. "And there shall be signs. . . . And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh" (Luke 21:25, 28). Realizing these signs to be connected with the return of Christ *in glory*, we should look expectantly each day for His return for the church.

Why does the Bridegroom seem to delay His coming? "Account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation." Though we are taught to watch for His coming, we are left to work (Matt. 13:3) and should rejoice in God's demonstration of grace in this dispensation. We should turn wholeheartedly to the God-honored Scriptural methods which so many sleepy Brethren are awed to see so effective in the hands of wide awake evangelicals and the fast growing false cults.

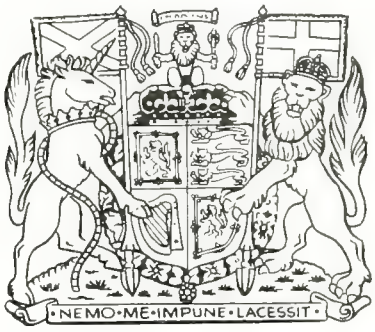
I recently read in our area newspaper the following terse statement quoted from an unknown writer: "The average age of the nations of the world's great civilizations has been 200 years. They all experienced the following cycle: From bondage to spiritual faith, from spiritual faith to greater courage, from courage to liberty, from liberty to abundance, from abundance to selfishness, from selfishness to complacency, from complacency to apathy, from apathy to dependence, from dependence back to bondage. In fifteen years our United States will be 200 years old."

In view of this startling statement, we had better look to the field, to the Finisher, and to the future in view of God's Word. With such a vision we cannot help but be doers as well as hearers. Are *you* looking or languishing?

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One World



The old cliche, "It's a small world," was never more applicable to our globe than it is today. Modern communication and travel has reduced the vast areas of oceans and continents to the equivalent of a very small nation. It will readily be recognized that this twentieth century phenomenon is at the root of a great many of our present world problems.

For the first time the shrinking of our world community is throwing together men of the most diverse cultures and temperaments. It is impossible for any nation to adopt an attitude of isolation from the rest of the world. The time is not too far past when a tribal war in Africa would have had no more effect on life in America than a snow squall in the Antarctic. This is no longer the case. A revolt in some remote province, a hurricane in Malaya, scientific experiments in Siberia, are all reflected in the politics, economics, and armaments of the entire world. It is becoming more and more necessary that men learn to live cooperatively, and work together for the common good of all.

The problems arising from this pressing of the distant nations into close proximity simply illustrate the basic principle of physics: Any mass compressed in size releases heat. The increased friction caused by diverse nations being pressed together into cooperative units continues to produce much heat in the form of international disputes, military, and economic crises, and continual increase of world tensions. As long as individual nations maintain their independent sovereignty, this friction of personal interests and heat in human relations shall continue. Some catalytic agent must be employed to implement the reaction, and to bring a simple merger of the whole.

One World Government is obviously the answer. That which seemed a visionary dream a short half-century ago is now an apparent necessity. Three outstanding attempts are presently being made in this direction. These will all fail. A fourth, which often is underrated by its own advocates, is destined to succeed.

The first of these three is World

Communism. The goal of communism is to bring all the world under the heel of the man who rules the Kremlin. Nationality and personality are to be obliterated, and all mankind blended into a homogenous mass known as The State. The sheer brutality of such a concept is a severe shock to the morally trained mind. But we need not fear communist domination of the world, for God has pronounced His judgment upon it (Ezek. 38:3, literal).

The second attempt is that of Roman Catholicism to bring the world to the toe of the man who rules the Vatican. This man, who occupies "Peter's Throne," is traditionally crowned as the father of princes and kings, and the sovereign of the universe. His empire is a real kingdom of flesh-and-blood men, exceeding in number by 50 percent the entire population of the United States. His wealth is incalculable, and his influence powerful enough to control the affairs of many nations. The devotees of Romanism are committed to the death to defend and to extend this empire. Like communism, Romanism also follows the policy of either suppressing or exterminating its opponents once it has achieved majority control. Many mayorships, governorships, and senatorships in the United States are now held by partisans of this system, and only this last year, for the first time in history, a Roman Catholic leader has ascended to the presidency. Many European countries are under the rule of devout Romanists. Yet, Rome's aspirations for world dominion are also doomed to fail: "Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication . . . [Babylon] is that great city which reigneth over the kings of the earth" (Rev. 14:8; 17:18).

The third great attempt at world government is currently embodied in the "United Nations." This organization, which began most optimistically fifteen years ago to settle national disputes around conference tables instead of on battlefields, is already proving to be almost totally ineffective. Recently it was paralyzed in a diplomatic stalemate by the death of her Swedish secretary-general. It took her six weeks to reach agreement upon a successor to that office—a Burmese "neutralist" whose strength as an international leader is questionable. The U. N. continues to flounder upon a sea of dispute, with no clear sense of which direction leads to the harbor called Peace.

It is already being recommended by one of her early supporters, Senator John Stennis of Mississippi, that the United States abandon the United Nations and seek rather to strengthen an effective alliance with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. "It is crystal clear," says Senator Stennis, "that Russia does not intend to let the United Nations operate in the manner intended." He also notes that almost half of the countries in the U. N. today are African and Asian nations which in reality "are anti-Western and, in many cases, antiwhite."



BY REV. RUSSELL OGDEN

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When this hybrid monster, the U. N., is finally dissected into its incompatible components, we shall probably see the Western world properly taking its stand against the communist world through the strengthened and enlarged North Atlantic Treaty Organization. But NATO will still need a leader to match in position and strength the men in the Kremlin and the Vatican. When he appears he will occupy the position of "the beast" of the apocalypse, and his kingdom will be recognized as the long-predicted revived Roman Empire. This grand scheme may be the only logical solution to the present political deadlock, but it is already doomed to disaster in its hope of forging a unified world of its own design.

The fourth plan for world government is not often thought of in its true significance, even by its own adherents. They usually refer to their goals as spiritual, and consign their reign to the heavenly realm. That plan is Christianity, and is destined to accomplish that which every other effort has failed to do: to unify the races of men in one world of peaceful government upon the earth. The single conspicuous lack in every other scheme was a person wise enough, and good enough, and powerful enough to exercise absolute rule for the just benefit of every man governed. This lack is triumphantly supplied in Christianity, which presents Jesus Christ as the personal Lord of every man, and as God's appointed ruler of the universe. "Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion . . . Out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem . . . Every knee shall bow . . . and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord" (Ps. 2:6; Isa. 2:3; Phil. 2:10-11).

The return of Jesus Christ to the earth has been the hope of Christians of all ages. How much more reason we have for expecting the fulfillment of that hope in our time! Whereas in times past it has always been a cherished desire, it seems now to be almost a dire necessity. Never before have all factors so converged to press all men toward world unity. Never before has there been such a clamor in the circles of world governments for a wise and a good leader. The world's cry will not go unanswered. Jesus Christ will come again!

To the rebellious who will not accept His reign, His coming will be a judgment to plunge them into eternal night. To those who know in reality that Jesus Christ is the God of all creation, His coming will be the dawn of an eternal day, and will unite in one kingdom of righteousness and peace all the nations of the earth. The Christian message was never more pertinent to the world's needs than it is at this moment. The Christian duty is to call with the ancient prophet: "Prepare ye the way of the Lord." The prayer of the Christian heart is "Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

Praise and Prayer

BRETHREN DAY OF PRAYER—JANUARY 15

GRACE SEMINARY, COLLEGE

PRAY for the "Dean's Committee" whose responsibility it is to counsel students, and where necessary, administer discipline.

PRAY that the new dormitory can be started in the early spring of 1962. This will require a "landslide" of response to the "Golden Opportunity Commitment" program through the Brethren Investment Foundation.

PRAY for the second semester enrollment. This involves financial relief for some of the present students.

LAYMEN

PRAY for the national, district and local officers as they carry out the responsibilities assigned to them.

PRAY for the five young people who have been the recipients of the first five Laymen's scholarships.

PRAY that the men will be able to complete the Scholarship Fund in 1962.

SMM

PRAY that our lives may show forth Christ.

PRAY that we will be more zealous in our witnessing for Him.

PRAY that we will be more sacrificial in our giving to Him.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRAY that the Lord shall definitely lead in the plans for the spring Loyalty Campaign.

PRAY for the continued financial support of the National Sunday School Board.

PRAY for the heavy schedule of the National Sunday school director that he shall be given wisdom and strength to do the work.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

PRAY that the Brazil missionaries may be guided in every detail as they meet for their Field Council in mid-January.

PRAY that the Leeches might have wisdom in finding the Lord's will concerning lots for a church building in Hawaii.

PRAY for the missionaries in Argentina as they prepare for VBS and camps in this busy summer season.

PRAY for the missionaries' children who are living in this country.

PRAY that our Brethren people might respond well and back up the Phil Guerenas, and make it possible for them to enter into the work in Mexico soon.

EVANGELISM

PRAY that the Spirit of God will anoint Bob Collitt for the tremendous load he carries as our National evangelist today. Pray that the "Latter Rain" revival shall begin under his ministry in the Brethren churches.

PRAY for more national evangelists to fill the great need for evangelism in our Brethren churches.

PRAY that God will stir up more young seminary and college men to fill summer evangelism.

PRAY that our Evangelism offering on the last Sunday in February shall provide us more funds to undertake greater efforts to reach lost men in these last days.

HOME MISSIONS

PRAISE God for three churches going self-supporting in 1961 and pray for a greater number to reach this stage in 1962.

PRAISE God for the Minute-Man help at Lancaster, Pennsylvania and Grand Rapids, Michigan and pray for continued blessings upon these two churches.

PRAISE God for good weather at Hagerstown, Maryland enabling the Brethren construction crew to finish the job in record time and pray for these crew families in their ministry.

PRAISE God for the office staff of the Brethren Home Missions and remember to pray for them in their important responsibilities.

PRAISE God for the response of our Brethren churches to our Jewish Mission program in Los Angeles and pray for additional missionaries to increase this testimony.

YOUTH

PRAY for the decisions that have been made at the Youth Rallies.

PRAY that God will supply the financial need to send our winning quiz team to Puerto Rico next spring.

PRAY for the Youth Evangelism Team as they reach young people in various churches.

PRAY for Youth Week for 1962 that God will enable our people to see the importance of investing our time and our money in the work of Youth in The Brethren Church.

WMC

PRAY for all national and district officers as they care for their heavy duties and responsibilities.

PRAY that a greater interest may be manifested in the ministry of intercession; in the home, in our monthly meetings, and on our national Day of Prayer.

PRAY for those who give our monthly Bible studies that all of us may have a more perfect vision of our precious Lord as He is presented to us from the Word.

MISSIONARY HERALD

PRAISE the Lord for His abundant provision in every phase of the work of our Brethren Missionary Herald Company during the past year.

PRAY for the Lord's blessing upon the plans for special issues of the Herald during the new year.

PRAY for a fruitful ministry of our weekly magazine as it is mailed into the many non-Brethren homes that we are trying to interest in our Brethren churches.

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Minding Someone Else's Business

After the Christmas holiday weekend, my family and I were traveling back home to Indiana on an Ohio freeway. An impressively large Cadillac passed us going at an excessively high rate of speed.

A few minutes later we observed a state-police car traveling at an even greater rate of speed going in the opposite direction on the other freeway lane. The police car suddenly slowed down and crossed over the dividing strip between the highways behind us and proceeded to overtake the speeding car. The police car passed our car at a speed which we roughly estimated to be in excess of one-hundred miles per hour.

About five miles ahead the police car had overtaken the speeding limousine, which was ordered over to the side of the highway. We drove by carefully observing all that was going on. We were concerned with the law-breaking and foolish driving of the one who was arrested. We were acting quite normal. We were minding someone else's business and not our own.

Our own business was to read the road signs and follow the directions, which we failed to do! We did not see the sign which marked the place to change routes. We passed the proper exit point. When we finally realized our mistake, it was too late! It was not permissible to stop or turn around or go back. We were forced to drive ten miles out of our way. We had to travel through heavy traffic in the heart of a city instead of enjoying a leisurely trip on an excellent non-stop bypass. That preoccupation with someone else's business caused us an additional half hour of pleasureless driving on our long trip home. No one in our family appreciated this delay and frustration. There were no exchanges of compliments during this hectic half hour of struggling to get back on the right route.

Isn't there a spiritual parallel to this? Do you recall in the Gospel of John, chapter 21, when Jesus commanded Peter to follow Him? Peter was more concerned with what John was doing. Jesus said: "What is that to thee? follow thou me." All of us need to deeply ponder this truth. Let us not be concerned with someone else's life or service for the Lord. It is so easy to criticize. The other person's lack of service is so obvious to us. Let us resolve not to mind someone else's business. Let us follow the Lord!—R.E.G.

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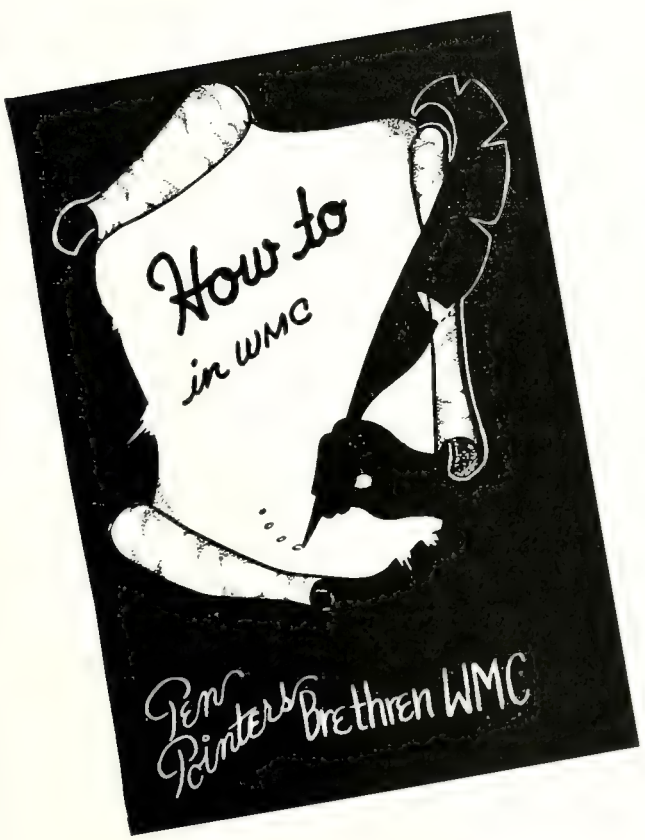
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A devotional thought for the new year

"IN HIS IMAGE"

By Mrs. Edward Bowman*

How often we pause at the beginning of a new year to consider how rapidly the days and months have passed! We are further reminded as we stand before the mirror for a long look at ourselves. A few more gray hairs or evidence of wrinkles on the brow isn't the most desirable reflection. We sigh as we remember the years when the mirror revealed a sleek shining head of black or brown hair and the full bloom of youth in the face. But it is a joy to realize that the Lord has given us these years to live for Him and grow in His love and grace.

The mirror is so important in our daily lives. How else could Dad shave properly or Junior wash his face really clean, or Mom and Sis put up their hair and comb it out again into lovely curls? The mirror reveals our outward appearance and we depend on its revelation. And yet, of itself the mirror is nothing. It must have someone or something to reflect.

Genesis 1:26-27 tells us that "God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness . . . so God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them." Here is a wonderful truth! The whole creation reveals the glory of God (Isa. 6:3), and in that creation He has placed man "in his image." We, as images or mirrors, are to reflect God in this world! It is a great responsibility, but we are not expected to do this in our own strength. We could not if we tried. The mirror is nothing. The image it reflects is the important thing. We can only reflect our Lord by yielding ourselves wholly to Him "who is the image of the invisible God" (Col. 1:15). It was the desire of the Apostle Paul that Christ should be magnified in his body. This should also be our desire and purpose.

Are we really images of God in our daily lives? Do our loved ones see Christ reflected in our words, attitudes, and actions? The image can so easily be marred by a hasty, unkind word, or sinful thought and attitude. We must radiate to those about us the glorious attributes of God in all the situations and circumstances of life. Think it over, my friend. To be an image of the eternal God is a mighty serious matter.

As we consider these things, we are also reminded that the children whom God has given us are His images. We are entrusted with the responsibility of training up these little ones to reflect His glory also. Teaching them to pray and read the Word and trust the Lord is not enough. They need to see Him revealed daily in our lives. Let us not fail in this.

What a wonderful privilege and responsibility the Lord has given us —to be images (mirrors) of himself! Why fret that our own image is not what we desire. Let us strive in this new year to reflect more perfectly the image of our lovely Lord. May we say with John, the beloved disciple: "He must increase, but I must decrease" (John 3:30).

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Barbara Jean Miller March 18, 1951
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Beckie Maurita Fogle March 17, 1948
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Mrs. Thomas T. Julien March 27
61, Bd. Joseph-Vallier, Grenoble (Isere), France

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Miss Ruth Gamboa March 17
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This is the first of a series on the Christian woman . . . Mrs. Simmons bases this article on Luke 1 and 2

The Christian Woman as

A MOTHER

By Mrs. Phillip Simmons

In a recent Sunday evening service, one of the teen-agers of our home-mission church here in Seattle arose to say: "I'm thankful that I had a Christian mother and father." A stranger would have wondered why such a simple testimony should bring tears to the eyes of the congregation. Why? Just four weeks had passed since this boy's father had been taken in death by cancer. Just one week had passed since his mother had been taken in death by a sudden heart attack. Within a month, this Christian mother and father had left their earthly home and their five teen-age children. As the account and picture of these children appeared on the front page of the Seattle Times, it is very likely that many women realized the importance of doing their best, as mothers, while they still had the opportunity. It is to be hoped that many Christian mothers were more determined than ever before to be more effective in living the Book and teaching the Book so that their children, too, would be thankful they had Christian mothers.

Turning to Luke 1 and 2, we find some of the reasons God chose Mary to be the mother of the home in which our Lord was reared. No better example of one who found favor with God as a mother is found in the Word. Our churches have probably shunned speaking of Mary as often as we ought because of the unscriptural prominence given to her by the Roman Catholic system. Many women lived since the first promise of a Redeemer in Genesis 3:15, but it was Mary who was "highly favoured" and "blessed among women." Surely, God was very careful, and without mistake, when He chose Mary to be the favored one who should become the mother of His beloved Son.

Perfect submission characterized the life of Mary. "Be it unto me according to Thy Word" was most likely the lifelong attitude of Mary. When the angel Gabriel came to Mary and told her that God would send His Son to her as a little Babe, which Son would have no earthly father, Mary realized the impact of the message. She was not yet married. People would misunderstand, and criticize, and question her character. Yet she was willing to put aside her own plans, and to accept the plans God had for her.

Excuses did not seem to be a part of the life of Mary. She and Joseph knew what the Scripture taught, and they found joy and great blessing in faithfully doing God's will as revealed in His Word (Luke 2:22-34). This attitude of life surely saved them many heartaches. Many mothers know what God's Word teaches, but they often find excuses for not doing what He has commanded.

The beautiful words of the Magnificat (Luke 1:46-56) show us that Mary was familiar with the Scripture. Without a doubt, she loved the Word of God, and honored it in her home. Her love and devotion to God shine out in the words: "My soul doth magnify the Lord. And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour." As the words of the Magnificat are read, it makes us think of the children's song, "When My Cup Runneth Over With Joy," for her cup seemed full and running over as she praised God.

Mary was a very humble person. Having the great honor of bearing the beloved Son of God and Saviour, Mary quietly accepted it as a great and wonderful privilege and said: "He that is mighty hath done to me great things" and "hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden."

No Christian mother could read chapters 1 and 2 of the Gospel of Luke without being challenged greatly to so live that she might be more pleasing unto God, and thus be more of a blessing as a mother.

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS *(Continued)*

Rev. Foster R. Tresise March 20
95-303 Waioni Street, Wahiawa, Oahu, Hawaii

MEXICO—

Lorraine Marcella Edmiston March 4, 1957
519 Sunset Lane, San Ysidro, California, U.S.A.

Thomas Alden Howard March 17, 1953
406 Mary Avenue, Calexico, California, U.S.A.

John Leroy Howard March 20, 1946
406 Mary Avenue, Calexico, California, U.S.A.

PUERTO RICO—

Joel Eric Dickson March 14, 1961
1667 Asomante Street, Summitt Hills, Caparra Heights, San Juan, Puerto Rico

Mrs. Maxwell H. Brenneman March 28
F 16—Summit Hills, P.O. Box 10144, Caparra Heights, Puerto Rico

IN THE UNITED STATES—

Mr. Albert W. Balzer March 1
8415 Fenwick Street, Sunland, California

Judith Lynn Kennedy March 16, 1953
Route 1, Oakland Road, Limestone, Tennessee

Mrs. C. B. Sheldon March 21
c/o Sturges, 2021 Dawson Avenue, Long Beach, California

Miss Gail Jones March 31
308 4th Street, East Conemaugh, Pennsylvania

●1961-1962
Birthday
Missionary—
Miss Ruth Snyder

A Servant in "The Place He Planned"

●By Mrs.
Don Wardell

"When I was small, I read the fairy stories and thought how wonderful it would be to be the fairy princess. Since I have learned a bit —a very little bit to be sure—I am glad that I am a missionary and not a fairy princess." This ex-dreamer missionary is Miss Ruth Snyder, now at home in the Central African Republic.

Between the time of fairy-princess dreams and the time that she became a servant of the Lord on foreign soil, many events transpired, inevitably. And, the eighteen years since she first arrived in Africa have not been altogether uneventful, although she claims that after her first few months in Africa she "settled down to plain living." However, that which is labeled routine by a missionary in the heart of Africa might well be termed unique by the average citizen in the homeland. Then, too, somehow it seems Ruth's journeys to and from the field between her terms of service have seldom been routine—for there have been exciting plane trips and stormy ocean crossings, passage on a ship carrying dynamite—to say nothing of her first thrilling, chilling ocean voyage, which will be referred to later in the article. Several years ago when the cyclonic storm struck the Bible Institute station in Africa, the Lord miraculously cared for Ruth when a huge tree ripped into her office in a spot where only moments before she had been standing. "Nzapa abata mademoiselle!" (God cared for mademoiselle) the natives exclaimed —and truly He has done so.

Among Ruth's earliest memories is one of her father as he read to her the letters which Dr. Gribble was then writing to her daughter, Marguerite. It was Ruth's privilege to be born into a Christian home, and at the age of nine she accepted the Lord as her Saviour in their own church, the Brethren church in Conemaugh, Pennsylvania. Immediately she told her mother that she wanted to be a missionary, but very soon this was brushed aside by other ambitions,



Ruth Snyder mailing out literature

which time revealed not to be the will of the Lord for Ruth Snyder.

After high-school graduation, Ruth went to Ashland College, graduating four years later with an A.B. degree. She returned to Conemaugh for several years and became deeply involved in public-school teaching, taking a very active part in church activities, and teaching piano privately. But through it all, there was a restless desire to submit to the will of the Lord. She finally heeded His bidding.

The next step was to return to Ashland, this time for three years of seminary training. Her appointment for missionary service in Africa followed. War years prevented language study in Europe, so she studied French in Quebec, Canada. At least ready to leave for Africa—Ruth, along with several other Brethren missionaries, obtained passage on an Egyptian steamer, the *ZamZam,* which sailed from New York City on March 19, 1941, bound for Capetown. After four weeks of moving through the danger zones of the Atlantic during those war days, there came the sudden shelling, and consequent sinking, of the *ZamZam* by a German raider. The ship's passengers were rescued, but the following weeks were tense ones with the missionaries finally arriving in Portugal, and eventually back in New York. Undaunted, they set about again to find passage to Africa, but it was not until early in 1944 that Ruth finally arrived in the land of the Lord's calling.

For most of Miss Snyder's years in Africa she has been connected with the work of the *Institut Biblique* as one of the instructors of the young men who are being trained in the Word of God for service to their own people. "I have enjoyed my work," she says. "I envy nobody, and nobody envies me. Teaching in the school requires a lot of work in lessons. I have also done some work in children's lessons, helped edit several songbooks and such. I start the day about five a.m. From then on it is a busy day all day. Often I do not take time for a siesta. After supper I go to the village and play with the children. I feel like everybody's grandmother then. Of course it makes my head spin to swing a dozen or so children, but then it is good for the waistline, too. Besides that, it is a lot of fun."

Ruth says her "favorite sport" is reading—especially fiction, and more specifically, historical novels. "I have fun with music, too. I try to teach it to the students." Also, "I like to play the organ—parlor, not pipe. I would prefer the pipe organ, of course, but I cannot have that and Africa both,

so I pump the little portable—when it works."

She sums up: "Of course, I want to say that I am glad to be serving the Lord here in Africa. He has been good to me all these years. I have never doubted that this is the place He planned for me. I shall be happy to have the ladies praying for me in a special way during the next year. I need to learn more of the Lord Jesus that I might be better able to do what He wants me to do. I pray for a real revival among our people here. And I want my many children of the classroom to be enjoying the life of victory."

May the Lord give you these desires of your heart, Miss Ruth Snyder!

WMC News

Greetings from the newly organized WMC of Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Although we have had only three meetings, the WMC has already been a source of blessing, inspiration, and challenge.

At our first meeting we had eleven present. The district fall rally was held in Philadelphia three weeks later, and we had seven ladies attend. This won for us the silver platter given for the best percentage attendance. At our second meeting we had 20 present, which shows the ladies here have really been working. This month the York council invited the Lancaster council to be their guests, and each of the fifteen ladies attending received a blessing and enjoyed a wonderful time of fellowship.

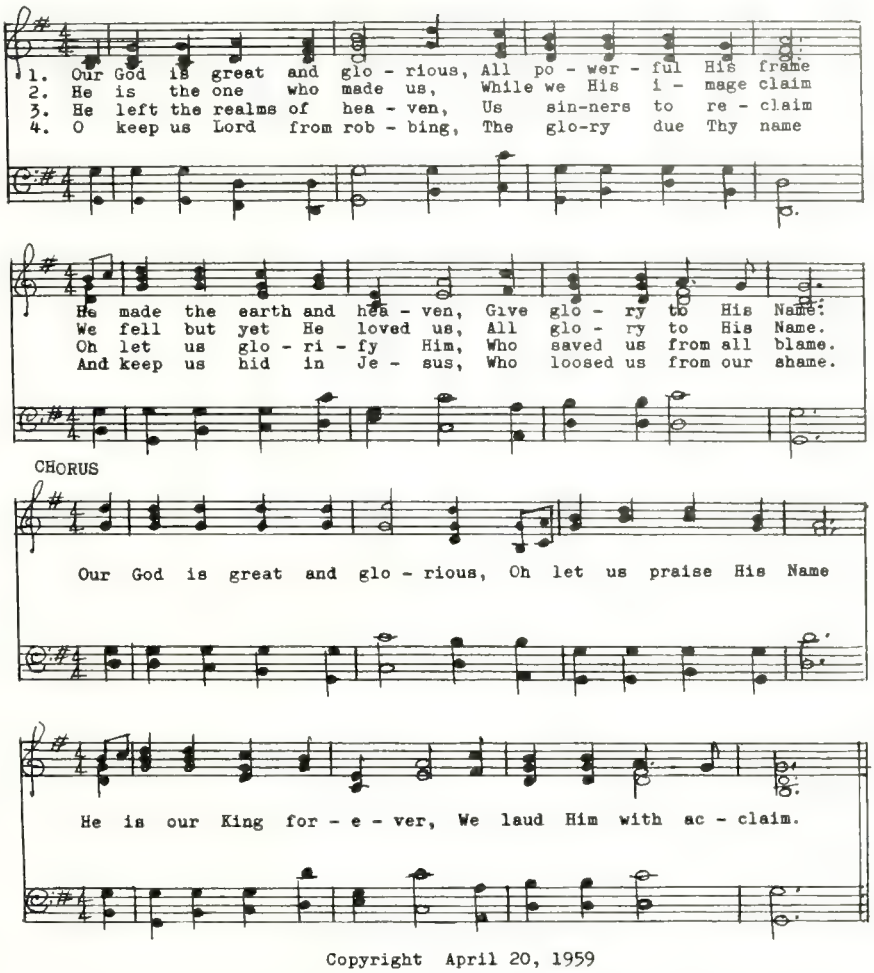
Since this church has only been in existence since April and the group is quite small, we truly praise the Lord for the willingness of each member to serve Him.

We are anticipating a wonderful year in 1962, "Looking Unto Jesus" and doing His will.

In His service,
Marjorie Creighton

Elsie Clara [illegible]
Words and Music

Our God Is Great and Glorious



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Editor's note: Elsie Clara Balzer, wife of lay missionary-builder Albert Balzer, Central African Republic, sang the above song at national conference held at Estes Park, Colo. It has been reproduced in the Missionary Herald for the many persons who have requested a copy of the music.

IMPORTANT CHANGE

All WMC officers please note: The new Financial Secretary-Treasurer is:

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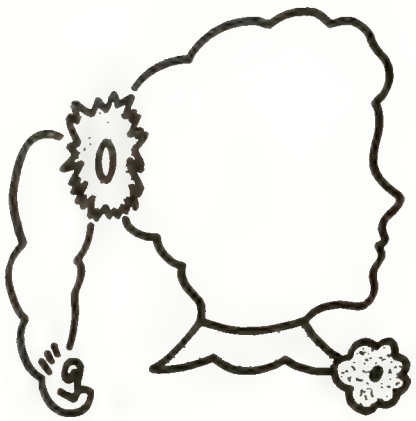
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GIRLS GLORIFYING GOD



"What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, ye are not your own?

For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."
I Corinthians 6:19-20



A Puerto Rican Girl Glorifying God

By Mrs. Maxwell Brenneman

My name is Nico. I have seven brothers and sisters. As a family we played games together and stayed at home, except for school hours. My schooling was average—grade school, junior high, and then high school. All during my schooldays I wore a school uniform of a white blouse and blue skirt. (This took care of the big question, "What shall I wear to school today?" for all the girls dressed alike in school.)

During my last year in high school, I spent a half a day in a government office for practical training because I wanted to be a secretary. This is very common here in Puerto Rico. After graduation I took a job at the Chase Manhattan Bank where I worked for six years. Later I found a job as a secretary in an oil refinery office, where I am still employed as secretary to the Personnel Manager.

After my father's death, nearly seven years ago, I felt I should worship God. I did not follow my parents in their Protestant belief. Instead, every morning and every night after work I went into a Catholic church to pray. I was looking for something that would fill the longing in my heart, but this did not fill that emptiness.

One day I was invited to go to a Protestant church where I learned about Christ and soon accepted Him as my personal Saviour. He was the One who I was seeking. I just could not stay away from church and from hearing the Word of God preached. I wanted to know more about my Lord. Since my church met Sunday afternoons, I found another church which I could attend in the mornings. Before long I was teaching a Sunday-school class in both churches. I love to sing, so I became a choir member and joined a girls' trio group. I found many Christian friends, and we served the Lord daily. This was the real life which I desired and found in Christ.

Through a friend of mine, I acquired a pen pal with whom I have corresponded for several years. To make a long story short, this pen pal had friends who were coming down to our island as missionaries. I looked forward to this occasion and was very happy to meet them.

Since my life belongs to the Lord, I desire to be used of Him constantly. I am now helping the Brethren missionaries to learn our Spanish language. I have a Sunday-school lesson prepared every Sunday just in case some one comes to the Grace Brethren Bible Church and does not understand English. On Wednesday nights the Lord has opened up the children's Bible class for me to teach in the Spanish Brethren Church. The missionaries know that at all times I am ready to be an interpreter for them in their visitation, witnessing, or any other service.

The Lord is good to me, and I love Him. It is a joy on Wednesday to know that one of my brothers is now preaching in the Spanish Brethren Church. My mother attends there faithfully, one of my sisters cames occasionally, and I am praying for the rest of my family.

My life has not been unusual in any way, but I do know what it is to be without the Lord. The life with Him cannot be compared. A girl's life in Puerto Rico is changing because of American ways, dress, customs, food, and modern appliances. Most of the girls actually know how to scrub, wash, iron, and cook. We have done this all our lives and worked as a family unit with everyone having his own household responsibilities.

Now as never before our people are open to the Gospel of our Lord Jesus.

SMM EDITOR'S NOTE:

This is the first in a series of articles dealing with Christian girls' problems. If you have problems or questions which you would like answered, please write to:

DEAR AMY
Box 718
Winona Lake, Indiana

DEAR AMY:

I accepted Christ as my personal Saviour while at district camp this past summer. I determined to live a separated and wholehearted Christian life. It was so easy at camp when we sang, prayed, studied, and played together as Christians, but now that we are in school, I notice that it is just as easy to drift with the worldly kids. Could you suggest a verse or two that would constantly remind me of my vow?

Love,
Lenora

Dear Lenora:

I guess your problem is age old. When I was a girl and wanted to do something very much, I would say to mother, "Why not? Helen does it." She would reply, "If Helen jumped over the High Level Bridge, would you have to?" Then she would add "Remember Colossians 3:17."

Needless to say, the Colossian passage has imprinted itself indelibly upon my mind. Another verse has pricked me again and again and has suggested the course to pursue. Would you turn to John 21:22? (Wish we could chat about this rather than depending upon pen and ink.) Peter saw John walking away from a delicious fish breakfast with Jesus. The "green-eyed monster" of jealousy arose in his heart, and he asked: "Jesus, what special task will John have in your kingdom?" Our Lord turned and answered very emphatically: "What is that to you, Peter? Follow thou Me."

"Thou" or "you" is a personal pronoun. My dear, this business of following Christ is a personal relationship. The quip "God has no grandchildren" suggests that we cannot rely upon anyone else for our salvation. Each one of us has a personal responsibility in regard to the spiritual life. Many things mother, dad, grandmother, grandfather, your pastor, or teacher would like to decide for you. Your choice of friends, your mode of attire, stewardship of time, talent, and tithe are all so important. Take time each day in His Word. Only in this way can you discover God's will for your life. Christ told us to watch, pray, determine to do His will, and glorify Him. He will give you grace and power to flee temptation and live holy before Him. Yes, my dear, following Christ is a personal relationship.

Not only is it a personal task to follow Him, but it demands a price. No one can answer just what price He may demand of you. John and Betty Stam were beheaded in China for following Christ. Five missionaries recently gave their lives in behalf of the Auca Indians. The Gribbles, our own missionaries, gave their lives in Africa, as did Estella Myers. Others have answered the call to foreign service and find that God only wanted their willingness to go. Then He has opened other channels of service.

Some have been given great talents. They sing, play instruments, write, and achieve scholastically. They are acclaimed by all. Others have been given only the talent of a sweet smile. The important thing to remember is: use whatever talent God has given in whatever field He calls you. He has promised: "Lo, I am with you alway." What more need we ask?

Yes, Lenora, following Christ is personal and demands a price. We are told if we desire to follow Him, we must deny self and take up His cross. But think who He is! He who called himself the Good Shepherd; The Way; The Truth; and The Life! He said He was the great I AM. He is the blessed Son of God—our Saviour!

But think of the joy, peace, satisfaction—the reward of following Christ.

Reward, you say? Yes; He promised: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you" (John 14:27). Isn't that reward in this day of trouble and confusion? Then, too, John 3:16 tells us that we gain eternal life by accepting Christ. Eternal life! I love life, don't you? And to know that the few hardships endured for Him here are rewarded with life everlasting in His very presence.

Matthew 19:21 tells us that whoever forsakes father, mother, sister, brother, houses, and lands for His sake shall reap one hundred fold. Wonderful interest, isn't it?

Could we covenant to pray one for the other that each of us should realize anew the vital importance of a personal relation with Christ? Could we ask that He make us ready to pay any price that He asks? I am sure we can realize as one camper suggested: "It is not so difficult to live for Him now. It is no longer Kay, but Kay plus Christ."

I shall be happy to hear from you at any time. As our camp song says: "You pray for me, and I'll pray for you."

Love in Him,
AMY

National SMM Patroness Honored at Northern Ohio Fall Rally

By Mrs. Wesley Haller

District Patroness



Mrs. Henning is shown above receiving the gift from the Northern Ohio District SMM.

Mrs. T. R. Henning, national patroness of SMM, was surprised by means of a "This Is Your Life" program at the fall rally of the Northern Ohio District SMM. The rally was at the First Brethren Church of Middlebranch on Friday evening, November 10, 1961.

Nerves were slightly frazzled as the evening approached. Mrs. Henning, being so close "at hand," made secrecy almost impossible. Mrs. Richard Burch, assistant district patroness, capably served as Mistress of Ceremonies. The Henning household had been raided for photographs which were shown as various phases of Mrs. Henning's life were revealed.

Old school chums were present to help in recalling the past. Her oldest daughter, Helen, was present by means of a tape recording, and honored her mother by sending a lovely yellow corsage for the occasion. The other daughter, Charlotte, surprised her mother with her present, having come by auto from her studies at our own Grace College. Others taking part included: former members of the young people's group of her local church, former SMM girls, former members of the choir which Mrs. Henning at one time directed, the present president and vice president of SMM (Joyce Ashman and Linda Moore, who came with Charlotte from Winona Lake), Mr. R. Brezger, (local school psychologist who told of Mrs. Henning's present work in the field of special education), and finally, many of the children of her public school class along with their parents.

Many lovely gifts were presented to Mrs. Henning: a luncheon set from her schoolchildren; a dozen red roses from the Senior SMM girls whom she serves as patroness; an eight-place setting of lovely china presented by the Northern Ohio SMM girls. To honor Mr. Henning, whose birthday was at this same time, a birthday cake was presented to him. We won't tell how many candles were on it!

Everyone felt the evening was a real success. Northern Ohio SMM was happy to honor Mrs. Henning in this manner. For many years she has been busily engaged in a tireless manner in the Lord's work. All those present gave testimony to this. Our prayer is that Mrs. Henning will have many more years of fruitful service for Christ.



Mr. Henning is also honored on his birthday with a delicious cake!

PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Pray for the missionaries in Puerto Rico.
2. Pray for the financial needs of SMM. Pray that each girl will do her part to help dissolve the deficit.
3. Pray for your local officers as they serve you faithfully.

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Suggested Program for February

Devotional Study:
"Girls Glorifying God . . . in Dress"

Memory Verse:
Junior—I Peter 3:3-4
Middler—I Samuel 16:7
Senior—Romans 12:2

Mission Study
"Around the World for Christ . . . in Puerto Rico" (Note: The February and March mission studies will be interchanged)

NEWS

MEMBER EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION

SAN BERNARDINO, CALIF. Recently the men's brotherhood of Grace Brethren Church has been inviting the men's group from area churches. The men of Rialto Brethren came one month, the men from Beaumont Brethren came another month. Special speakers and films were enjoyed and a good meal served. All had a blessed time in the Lord. The men of Grace Brethren have received such a blessing from inviting other men's groups that they intend to "keep it up." Emlyn Jones, pastor.

KETTERING, OHIO. The Calvary Brethren Church set a new attendance record of 188 at the morning worship service Sunday, Dec. 24. The morning offering, which was designated for the building fund, totaled $1182. Henry Barnhart is pastor.

GALION, OHIO. On Thanksgiving eve the members and friends of the Grace Brethren Church here met to observe their first threefold communion service. Rev. and Mrs. James Cook, assistant pastor at Grace Brethren Church, Mansfield, Ohio, came to assist in the service. There were twenty-five people in attendance. Charles Thornton, pastor.

LAKE ODESSA, MICH. There were about 115 people in attendance at the Christmas program held on Sunday night, Dec. 17, at the Grace Brethren Church. Lee Crist is pastor.

JOHNSTOWN, PA. James C. Sweeton, pastor of First Brethren Church, accepted the opportunity of speaking on the WJAC-TV program on Dec. 27.

ANAHEIM, CALIF. Mrs. Glenn O'Neal has secured a license to operate a home for the aged here. She desires this to be a ministry which meets a need in The Brethren Church for a home where Christ is honored.

GLENDALE, CALIF. Dr. John Whitcomb, professor of Old Testament at Grace Seminary, was the guest speaker at the New Year's Eve Watch Night service at the First Brethren Church. Robert Miller, pastor.

CHICAGO, ILL. The seventh annual meeting of the Denominational Sunday School Secretaries Commission of the National Sunday School Association was held here Dec. 5 through 7, at the Morrison Hotel. This commission is comprised of Sunday-school secretaries representing some thirty or more denominations. Rev. Harold Etling, of Winona Lake, Ind., director of the Brethren National Sunday School Board was chairman of this year's meeting.

NOTICE: The Brethren Missionary Herald has a long-established policy of not publishing requests of churches seeking for pastors. The official clearing agency in our denomination is the Committee on Pastorless Churches and Available Men. Please address your correspondence to Dr. Norman Uphouse, R.R. 3, Warsaw, Ind.

HOMERVILLE, OHIO. Robert Holmes was called to serve the West Homer Brethren Church as pastor for the 12th year with an increase in salary. The church is planning to enlarge their facilities.

WINONA LAKE, IND. Donald Ogden, professor of Music at Grace College, was elected interim pastor of the Winona Lake Brethren Church by vote of the congregation on Dec. 17. Brother Ogden will serve until such time as a regular pastor is secured.

DAYTON, OHIO. The North Riverdale Brethren Church, Russell Ward, pastor, conducted a mortgage-burning ceremony on Sunday, Dec. 31. Dr. R. D. Barnard, general secretary of our Foreign Missionary Society, was the special speaker.

WATERLOO, IOWA. Herb Hoover, singer and evangelist from Dayton, Ohio, was featured at the Building Victory Dinner, Dec. 27, at the Grace Brethren Church here. John Aeby is pastor.

CHANGES: New telephone numbers: Rev. Jesse Hall, MA 4-6902; Rev. Richard DeArmey, Pleasant 6-6750. Please change Annual.

DAYTON, OHIO. Evangelist Bob Collitt conducted one week of very successful evangelistic meetings here at Grace Brethren Church. Thirty-two people made decisions. Eight people accepted Christ as Saviour, six joined the church, and eighteen rededicated their lives. Everett Caes, pastor.

NOTICE: Those desiring to have their Missionary Heralds bound should have them into the Herald office by Feb. 1. After this date a penalty of $1 will be added to the regular price of $6.75.

PORTLAND, OREG. (EP). The church makes a mistake, says Governor Mark O. Hatfield, when it becomes a mere social agency or attempts to mimic the work or program of service clubs.

Addressing the Oregon Council of Churches here, the Governor said that the reason so much church work is lacking in "dynamics" is that it is being promoted by persons who lack religious dynamics.

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 30 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Church	*Date*	*Pastor*	*Speaker*
Paramount, Calif.	Jan. 14-21	Gene Klingler	Bob Collitt
Cedar Rapids, Iowa	Jan. 14-21	Roy Dice	Kenneth Dodson
Chico, Calif.	Jan. 21-28	Arthur Pekarek	Glenn O'Neal
San Diego, Calif.	Jan. 23-Feb. 4	Henry Dalke	Bob Collitt
Dayton, Ohio	Jan. 28-Feb. 4	William Steffler	Robert Culver

APT TO TEACH

I TIMOTHY 3:2

By Dean Risser

Pastor, Graceview Brethren Church, Pompano Beach, Florida

The poor fellow just had no talent. He couldn't usher, he couldn't speak in public, he was uneducated beyond the eighth grade, and not indoctrinated in the Word, since he was a fairly new Christian.

What would the pastor do with him? He was given the junior boys Sunday-school class, and instructed to "learn as you go along." In three months he could have written a book, but he resigned instead . . . never to teach again. This person has a hundred names, and is a member of many churches . . . a type of many Brethren men and women.

The Scriptures of both Testaments tell us that the teacher of the Bible has a special privilege and responsibility, and not to be undertaken lightly. "Be not many [of you] teachers . . ." Teaching the Word is the spiritual counterpart of natural parenthood; special care and instruction are needed. The Sunday-school teacher, then, is one of the most important workers in a congregation.

Three great facts of the Scriptures tell us how important teaching the Word is to our God.

Teaching Was Commanded

Parents were commanded by God to instruct their children as in Deuteronomy 6:6 and 7: "And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and thou shalt talk of them." The law was given to the fathers "that they should make them known to their children: that the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born; who should arise and declare them to their children" (Ps. 78:5-6). Mothers were to teach the babies, as in the case of Timothy, and fathers were to give instruction to older children.



The priests were commissioned to teach publicly, and the tribe of Levi was to be the source of national educators supported by tithes and offerings.

Religious festivals, such as the Passover, were to be occasions for instruction.

It should be said that the captivity of the Hebrew nation was a result of the failure of this public instruction. First, the people failed to support the Levite teachers; then the rulers failed to enforce the educational program; the priests were forced to quit teaching to earn a living. Finally, the people got away from the Word of God, which brought about their downfall. Even the prophets could not overcome the result of a teaching failure.

After their return from captivity, the Jews set up the system of synagogues which exists to this day. Rabbis, or teachers, became community leaders, and attendance at synagogue teaching centers was required. The Jews had learned their lesson well.

Christ Was a Teacher

The Gospels tell us that He *taught* in the synagogues. His outdoor meetings were teaching sessions, even the so-called "Sermon" on the Mount, for "he sat down and taught them there." His title was Rabbi, or Master, both of which mean "teacher." His followers were called disciples, which means "learners," or "pupils." His life ministry was not so much preaching, but teaching.

Great Commission To Teach

We were plainly told to teach, or make disciples, of all nations, baptizing them and then "teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

Paul understood that our Lord meant for us to teach and indoctrinate new Christians, for even his evangelistic method among the Jews was to enter the teaching place, the synagogue, and there to teach.

Timothy was told to train teachers by committing Paul's instructions to "faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." The writers of the Book of Hebrews expressed disgust that certain ones who had been Christians for some time were still needing regular instruction when they ought to have been teachers. One qualification of an elder was that he be able or apt to teach.

The first use for the Word of God, according to II Timothy 3:16 is *doctrine*, or simply, teaching. The goal in mind is the completion or maturity of the man of God. Let us give our young "Timothy's" not only godly, devoted teachers, but also those who have been indoctrinated in God's Word, and taught how to teach it. Let's begin now (I Tim. 4:16).

An Infinite Price

By Rev. Richard Sellers

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One day one of my fine Christian laymen approached me and asked if I would visit a young married couple whom he knew. Before I had time to answer he went on to tell me how that the wife was mixed up in the Jehovah's Witnesses (so-called) cult.

A few days later I made that visit. I found that the wife had gone beyond the stage of merely getting mixed up with this cult. By this time she had been baptized by one of their leaders and received into their sect as a full-fledged member.

As I presented the Gospel to her and her husband that day, I immediately ran into the argumentative approach used by those who belong to this sect. When I told her that God had given His Son, the Lord Jesus so that our sin debt might be paid, she instantly cut me off by saying: "You do not believe that God gave His Son." She then continued to give explanation to this very abrupt charge.

"You believe that God merely withheld life from Jesus for a short time," she said, "and then gave it back to Him. This was no great price to pay," she said, "if Jesus only ceased existing for a short three days and three nights."

This lady then went on to tell me that they believed it took a great price to pay for our sins. "We believe that the cost or wages of sin required the actual giving of God's Son," she said. She then explained that to give something means to give it over to be completely consumed. (This was what she had been told). "It means to give it over unto annihilation," she said.

This is what the Jehovah's Witnesses sect had influenced this lady to believe. Like Russell, the founder of this cult, she believed that Jesus' body was completely annihilated and done away with. "It has to be this way," she argued, "or the price that God gave would have been insignificant and incapable of paying for our sins."

These poor deceived and disillusioned people—little do they realize that another one of their false doctrines gives rise to the problem with which this lady was struggling. If these people would accept the deity and godship of the Lord Jesus Christ, they would have no need to invent another false doctrine to get them out of their dilemma.

Granted, no man (regardless of how good he may be) is capable of paying for all the sins of all mankind in six short hours upon a cross. It does sound incredible that Jesus could pay for my sins by hanging upon a cross for six hours when it would have required an eternity in hell on my part. And then more incredible it becomes when we realize that He paid not only for my eternity in hell, but He did the same for everyone who has ever lived in the past, who lives at present, or ever shall live.

The only explanation to this seemingly incredible truth is that Jesus is God. He is God in the flesh. Therefore the penalty which He paid upon the cross was no ordinary penalty but an infinite penalty. It was a penalty which required a God-price, not a mere man-price. Jesus in these few short (yet ever-so-long) hours upon the cross was able to suffer what all mankind would have been unable to suffer throughout an eternity.

This truth can well be illustrated in the natural world. Zoologists and biologists tell us that in the animal world there are higher forms of life and then there are lower forms of life.

Quite often during the summer months I can be seen holding a wiggling, squirming night crawler in one hand and a sharp bent piece of wire in the other hand, which is better known as a fish-hook. What am I doing? I am puncturing, time and time again, the body of that living creature with that sharp-pointed wire. No one calls out the humane society, no one charges me with cruelty. For everyone knows that a worm is a lower form of life and therefore is unable to undergo intense suffering. The suffering that I inflict upon this lower form of life is insignificant and no one pays much attention to it.

But let me take that same sharp-pointed piece of wire and pierce it into the flesh of a blue bird or robin and I would soon gain the disfavor of all those about me. I am sure that the humane society or some law enforcement agency would soon be contacted, and I would be asked to immediately discontinue my cruel practice.

Why the difference? The bird is a higher form of life. He has a more sensitive and complex nervous system and therefore is capable of pain and suffering which the worm is incapable of experiencing. The suffering of the bird is intense and significant whereas the worm is not capable of such suffering.

Herein we have a good but inadequate illustration of Jesus' suffering in comparison to that of an ordinary man. Jesus is the God-man. He is God in the flesh. Therefore He is a much higher form of life than we who are but mere man.

Being of a higher form of life (both God and man) Jesus underwent an intensity of suffering that cannot even be comprehended by the mind of man. This is the reason that six hours upon the cross was sufficient. This is the reason that three days and three nights in the tomb was enough.

Only those who deny the deity of Jesus Christ will minimize the intensity and suffering of Christ's death. Only those who deny the deity of Christ will minimize His burial and resurrection. And only those who deny His Deity will have to invent a false doctrine (as that of annihilation) to get themselves out of a dilemma.

TIME

is running out

for the world

BY R. PAUL MILLER, D.D.

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A most arresting statement by an angel of God is recorded in Revelation 10:5-6: "And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven, and sware by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, *that there should be time no longer.*" All human events are swiftly converging toward climax. There are four great concourses of human events that are now drawing toward an early consummation. Since the very beginning they have been heading toward a showdown with God. These four are political, economic, religious, and finally Israel.

The Political Consummation

This involves the nations of the world, of course. I want to cite three passages of Scripture. The first is Matthew 24:6-8. This prophecy from the lips of our Lord describes the final contortions of the nations of the world, literally committing world suicide. Nothing like it has ever occurred before and as our Lord said, nothing like it shall ever occur again. Zechariah 14:1-3 declares that when Christ returns in power and glory that all the nations of the world will be involved in a great military union. Joel 3:9-17 reveals that all nations of the world will be at war when God finally deals with them in "the valley of decision" before Jerusalem.

Are the nations of the world now shaping up to this hour? Russia, China, and the U.S.A. are bankrupting themselves in a mad and senseless scramble to gain superiority in military power. Africa is a seething mass of nationalistic madness ready to drench that continent in blood at any moment. Brazil, Argentina, and Bolivia, and the rest of the Latin American nations are teetering on the brink of continent-wide bloodshed. European nations are swiftly drawing into a tight combine with 4 million men under arms. That is more than Russia has.

The divine picture of the end of the age is getting its final touches. The fact that the only deterrent to world war this minute is the fear of

total extinction; that there will be no victor in the next war is sure warning that sooner or later some angry frustrated dictator will in desperation tip the scales and hundreds of millions will die in a matter of hours. Friends, time is running out for the world. People often ask me: "Preacher, aren't you afraid? Don't you lay awake nights when you know these things are hovering over the world?" Not a bit of it! I have the promise of God that "Neither death, nor life, nor principalities, nor powers" can separate me from Him. Jesus said: "I give [my sheep] eternal life; and they shall never perish." Once you commit yourself to Christ, He will take care of your future. Let Him watch over you and deliver you!

The Economic Development

Two angles stand out. First, all world economy will be under one head at the end. Revelation 13:16-17 speaks clearly on this. What do we have now in the world? For the first time in history, the thirteen nations of Europe with 260 millions of people, some of which have been bitter enemies for centuries, are now forming a closed combine called the "Common Market." In the U.S.A. it is now reported that 65 percent of all food distributors, banks, hotels, department stores, railroads, and newspapers are now under chain heads. Our own military has recently announced that at the first moment of war they will seize all our Nation's business, and supplies can only be had by scrip. Folks, time is running out for everybody!

The other economic angle of the last era is the excess of luxuries (Rev. 18:9-18). Here you have the divine description of this present hour. Today luxuries have largely taken the place of necessities. Many people prefer to live in a shack if they can just drive a big car. Fine food and rare delicacies are daily diet. People will leave rent and other bills unpaid and spend their cash for sightseeing trips. A hundred thousand will crowd a ball park while a handful fear God and attend church. This is a true replica of Egypt, Babylon, Greece, and Rome before they collapsed. Time is running out on this age of men.

Organized World Religion

In Revelation 13:2-8, 15, several things stand out. First, the world will very soon be in one religious camp. This world of men will soon not worship Christ, but Antichrist. Second, the true people of God will no longer be tolerated. Millions will wait undoubtedly till they see Antichrist before they make their decisions. Millions have already made it. God will take these out of this world in one grand sweep of His mighty arm. Praise God, my bags are all packed and ready to go. Are yours?

Do we have evidence that organized religion is heading toward "one world church" right now? We do. The National Council of Churches which now dominates denominations totalling 33 million Protestant members has as its crowning goal "One World Church," the so-called, "Ecumenical Church." The executive board of this organization recently met in St. Andrews, Scotland, and issued a statement of purpose that their ultimate goal was the uniting of the Greek Orthodox, the Roman Catholic, the Church of England, and the N.C.C. of this country into one great union. Dr. Geoffrey Fisher, head of the Anglican Church, couldn't wait in his eagerness, and quickly visited Pope John XXIII, and got the Queen of England to do the same. They will succeed. Then Antichrist will take over and gobble them all up. Read it for yourself in Revelation 17:16. People, time is running out for the world.

Time Is Running Out for Israel

Three things emphasize Israel's destiny. First, they will bear the hatred of all nations (Matt. 24:9). Today, not a nation on earth loves the Jews. As you are minded of this, do you yourself love the Jews, or just tolerate them? Second, the national return to Palestine is the next pivotal item in Israel's destiny. Ezekiel 36:22-28 describes a worldwide miracle. There is no parallel in history of millions of people preserved racially, religiously, socially, and politically for 2600 years and finally established as a free nation in their original land. Israel right now is ready for dealing with Antichrist and fulfilling all that is forecast of them. Israel is ready!

Third, Israel, as a nation must accept Jesus Christ as their Messiah. Zechariah 12:10; 13:1, 6, 9, are clear in setting this forth. This is a thrilling sight that the saints of God will get a chance to see when they come with Christ to Armageddon's great triumph!

I personally believe that this twentieth century is the century of destiny. It is the last century before the Millennium. The whole world is swiftly converging toward a universal climax. It is evident that there are 7,000 years in God's plan from Adam to the new heavens and new earth. Our calendar declares that 5,961 years have elapsed since Adam was created. This leaves us thirty-nine years to finish time before the Millennium. Much doubt has been cast on the accuracy of this calendar by as much as twenty-seven years. That is, that this century is twenty-seven years farther along than our accepted calendar indicates. Whichever way it is, this world of men does not have much time to get ready to meet a Holy God. TIME IS RUNNING OUT!

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NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK

The National Youth Week will be held in our denomination this year during the days of January 28 through February 4, 1962. The national theme is "MAKE READY." These are days in which we must "make ready" to face the onslaughts of Satan in a world that is claiming our young people by the hundreds, and churches are losing their impact upon young lives. We have a tremendous opportunity to put the spotlight upon youth during this week, and to encourage them to invest their time and talents for our Lord Jesus Christ. Pray for this most important week, and pray that we will not let this wonderful opportunity slip out of our hands through sheer neglect!

YOUTH EVANGELISM TEAM

This is a report of our Youth Evangelism Team which has been traveling each weekend this fall. God has moved in mighty ways upon many hearts for which we praise His name! There are many experiences which we could relate to you, and many letters that we have received from young people who have surrendered to the Lord.

On December 9 and 10, we had an unusual experience on the campus of Wooster College in Wooster, Ohio. There we had the marvelous opportunity of showing many students that the blessed story of the saving power of Christ was still true in spite of modern criticism of God's Word. What a thrill it was to hear one young person say with tears in her eyes: "You mean I can really believe what I was taught years ago in Sunday school?"



The youth evangelism team. Left to right: Dave Hocking, Jim Custer, John Schumacher. *Photo by Ken Russell*

TEEN-AGE REPORT

Since Camp Bethany in August 1961, we have visited many districts and have been meeting various youth groups in an effort to encourage and motivate our young people in the work of the Lord. God has blessed mightily, and we have been thrilled with the results. It is such a joy to see God move in the lives of young people as they invest their talents and time in God's service.

The East district is planning to send a topnotch quiz team to national camp next summer. Their rally was held in November, and at that early date, their churches and young people were already well on their way. It looks like the East is going to make a real testimony in the lives of many of our teen-agers at Winona Lake in August of 1962. One of the ways in which many of our young people have the opportunity to search the Scriptures and commit them to memory is to be on a quiz team. It is very important to hide the Word in our hearts in this day, for the minds of God's people are being cluttered with all sorts of materialistic activities.

COLLEGE REPORT

Many of you have seen the new film, "The Family That Changed the World." One of our Brethren students who plays a part in this film is Knute Larson, president of the Student Body of Grace College. Knute gives us this message: "Rest. That's hard to do in a rushing world. Rest in Jesus. That's even more difficult in our own selfish world, but it's needed! Scriptures suggest that we should rest in Christ so completely that our lives become 'hid in Christ.' Sheltered. Confidently trusting. Giving up ourselves. Giving over to Him. That's a life of faith."

Several of our Brethren students from Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois, are now working with Brother Dean Fetterhoff in the Chicago area as he is starting new churches in that needy field. The students include: Sherwood Lingenfelter, Richard Kriegbaum, Ward Kriegbaum, and Don Cole. We praise the Lord for the students who carry on an active ministry while in school.

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An Apostate One-World Church

In the United States the current "Pike-Blake" proposal to build a segment of their one-world church is gaining momentum. These apostate leaders are attempting to bring in a super-world church to replace historic Christianity.

Dr. Eugene Carson Blake made a proposal in the Grace Cathedral, San Francisco, December 4, 1960, for a union of the United Presbyterian, Protestant Episcopal, Methodist, and the United Church of Christ denominations as a great step toward the ecumenical dream—the one-world church. The United Presbyterians and the Episcopalians at their most recent assemblies took steps to facilitate the proposed merger. The tragically apostate note in Dr. Blake's proposal was the elimination of "only Scripture" as the basis for the union. This constitutes a rejection of the historic Protestant faith.

Another one-world church advocate, Bishop James A. Pike of the Protestant Episcopal Church, declared his position in regards to the Word of God, especially in the *Christian Century* article of December 21, 1960, on "How My Mind Has Changed." He revealed his unbelief and departure from the most basic doctrines of the Christian faith. The Bishop declared that statements in the Apostle's Creed no longer could be accepted. The sentences rejected were: the ascension of Christ into heaven, His sitting "on the right hand of the Father," and His being "conceived by the Holy Ghost, and born of the Virgin Mary." As to the body of Christ and the elect of God, Bishop Pike is unmistakably apostate. He said that "the kind of a God I first believed in, who would limit salvation to a select group of people who happen to have heard the news and heard it well [Christians often interfere with its being heard well] is an impossible God. As to this God, I am now an atheist."

The merger of churches which these men are proposing must inevitably culminate in an apostate organization. Let us continue to "contend for the faith once delivered unto the saints." Pray that our National Fellowship of Brethren Churches will remain true to our historic slogan: "The Bible, the whole Bible, and nothing but the Bible."

—R.E.G.

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EDITORIALS

By Lester E. Pifer

What Shall We Do in '62?

The spiritual and moral condition in America was a cardinal point in one of the most important speeches to be released on radio and television in 1961. Dr. J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, spelled out the major dangers facing our society; he asserted that there is a definite relationship between the moral and spiritual condition of our people. He says: "Today, we are facing a crime problem of such magnitude that it represents an acute danger to our national survival. There is a serious weakening of moral and spiritual fibers in our society. We must never forget that a vitiated state of morals, a corrupted public conscience, is incompatible to freedom."

He further describes the crime monster in our midst thusly: "During the past decade, crime has nearly doubled across the United States, outpacing the growth of our population at the rate of four to one. A murder is committed every fifty-eight minutes. There is a vicious assault every four minutes; a forcible rape every thirty-four minutes; a robbery every six minutes; a burglary every thirty-nine seconds. Crime is no respector of age, race, or creed. Each year, the cost of crime climbs higher and higher until it now has reached an alarming total of more than $60 million each day."

He points a finger at America's parents and says accusingly: "America's juvenile criminality is directly traceable to the failure of adults to meet their moral obligations. If a respect for law and order and for the ranks of others were instilled in children at an early age and if parents set a proper example for their children, we might keep juvenile delinquency from becoming the door to careers in crime."

Hoover has spoken plainly of the dangers of international communism working without and within our Nation. The philosophical, deadly machine has now rolled over one-fourth of the earth's surface and enslaved more than one-third of its people.

Our newspapers, magazines, radio, and television programs reveal the moral breakdown, the sinfulness and low spiritual ebb of our Nation. These condition we must face in the year 1962.

The great tragedy of the hour is that the American people from the beginning of our Nation have possessed the Word of God, freedom of worship, Christian principles in law and government, but have now been lulled to sleep by the strange illness called "apostasy." The American home, once a force for righteousness, now is broken and powerless because of sin. Parental indifference and neglect has created a major problem with our youth. Certain forces continually cut away Christian liberties and privileges. Religious systems screaming "tolerance," "rights," force their issues to their own beneficience. Leaders possessing little or no spiritual insight are in control. The churches of our land are populated with careless, weak, emaciated spiritual folk. Where is America's spiritual backbone? Why is there no awakening? When will our Nation rise and defend its freedom, recognize her spiritual values, and turn to God?

God has placed in the hands of Brethren people the spiritual tools of revival to meet America's need. No denomination or fellowship has a finer understanding and appreciation of moral and spiritual values based on the Word of God. Our work in the field of evangelism and missionary endeavor under the direction of the Holy Spirit has proven to us what God can do.

What shall we do in '62? Our work is divinely set forth in Christ's Great Commission (Matt. 28:19-20). We must pray for our Nation, our national leaders, for revival in Christian hearts. Soul-winning, witnessing, godly living, every virtue of the Christian experience must become a positive reality. New strides in our missionary task of building new testimonies for Christ in new communities, branch Sunday schools, youth evangelism must be made. We must strike at the heart of the American family, reaching parents, youth, and children with the heart transforming message of Jesus Christ. The Gospel is the answer to our Nation's need! We must put America's families in churches where they can hear the Word of God and grow up in the faith.

We must initiate new programs to promote family altars, regularity and loyalty in all services of the church, new interest in Bible study, closer bonds of Christian fellowship, and prayer for one another. Let us pray that Brethren families may blaze the trail in '62 as living examples of all that God has ordered in effective Christian homes.

Grace Seminary and College Offering Period

The growth of our schools has forced the immediate consideration of dormitory facilities. The Brethren Investment Foundation has made available its facilities to finance this project. We urge our Brethren people to carefully invest in this Golden Opportunity, to pray for investors and for sufficient funds to get construction underway by spring.

Your gifts during this season are urgently needed for the operational cost of our schools. Building, maintenance, instructors' salaries, and supplies must be cared for monthly. Grace schools are being wonderfully used of God in training your youth for Christ and His service. Their contribution in reaching America for Christ is of tremendous value in these days of apostasy.

ISRAEL CALLS!

The Annual Christmas Party

By Leanore M. Button

Everyone seems to be involved in a Christmas party of some kind at Christmastime each year. And so were we this past holiday season, but I rather imagine ours was somewhat different than the usual party arranged by the world.

On December 18, 1961, at exactly twelve o'clock noon, the first group of blind Jewish people arrived at 469 North Kings Road in Los Angeles, California. Each was taken into the living room where on one side of the room sparkled a lighted Christmas tree. Here they awaited the arrival of SAM, Miss Fraser's jaunty little bus. There was an expectant air about everything.

Meantime, in the kitchen the coffee was busily perking away. The tables were set as nicely as possible. Though our people cannot see, it is a joy to have things as pretty as we can, for we are doing this as "unto the Lord."

By 12:10 SAM had arrived, and by 12:30, all were seated at the tables. When all had quieted down, thanks was given to the Lord for the food, and then all enjoyed the luncheon we had prepared for them. There was much happy conversation and much coffee-drinking. In fact, there was some tea consumed and not a little Sanka. The luncheon menu consisted of a thin corn-beef sandwich, a green jello salad into which carrots and cabbage had been grated, mashed sweet potatoes with marshmallows, and potato chips. And for desert—the ladies of the Westminster (Calif.) WMC provided the most lucious cookies imaginable!

When all had finished, we escorted them into the living room for the program of the afternoon. The devotional for the day had been taped on the tape recorder with a background of soft Christmas music. It was the beautiful and touching story written by Helen Frazee Bower of "God's Trees." As I looked around the room at their faces as this was being given, I could tell that some were really touched by the story.

The games played were ordinary, but I can assure you they were not played in an ordinary manner. Of course they had to be selected specially so that blind people could enjoy them. Even though we told each person to wait his turn to answer the questions, no one really waited. It was all in good fun and prizes were awarded. I'm sure everyone enjoyed it including myself.

The last event of the afternoon was the presentation of gifts which the ladies of the Los Altos (Long Beach, Calif.) WMC provided. These were wrapped and placed in a pretty box with strings attached to each gift. Then we took the box to each person and allowed him to select a string. Everyone seemed to be delighted with this method. I think they appreciated the gift so much more when we told them who sent the gifts. I am quite certain from the remarks made that it was truly a lovely Christmas party.

December 20 found us giving the final party. It was for our Wednesday group. This party differed from the other because this was not a luncheon. The same lovely cookies were ready for this group, also, and the gifts had been provided by the Community Brethren Church WMC ladies (Los Angeles) and the ladies of the LaVerne WMC.

Yes; I am sure this Christmas party was also different from those celebrated by the world. This one, too, honored the birthday of our King, The Lord Jesus Christ.



Class of Jewish blind people

Taos Starts With Kindergarten



Miss Celina Mares, Mrs. Sam Horney, and Rev. Sam Horney, superintendent of the Spanish American Missions.



The Kindergarten class with the teacher, Mrs. Helen Maestas, rear center.

The Canon Brethren Church, Taos, New Mexico, started a Christian Day School for the first time this last September. The initial enrollment was ten, and there is the promise of more before the school year ends. The school is licensed by the State of New Mexico and it allows for twenty pupils this year. The teacher is Mrs. Helen Maestas.

The humble beginning of this school is an answer to a long period of prayer. The Brethren Home Missions Council approved the starting of the school at its meeting in Estes Park, Colorado late in August 1961, and the school got underway last fall.

Mrs. Ward Miller, Whittier, California and Mrs. Grant McDonald, Ramona, California were two people who helped in a large way to get the school started. They provided books, information, and help in so many ways.

The school uses the facilities of the new WMC youth building for the school.

TAOS REBUILDS

A fire destroyed a portion of the Canon Brethren Church last September, and the replacement of this portion is now almost completed. The former wood structure was replaced by adobe and blends into the main church building.

The damaged portion was covered by insurance, and with the gifts that have come in from Brethren churches designated for the replacement it will care for a good portion of the cost, but not all of it. The replaced section will include inside restrooms, a much needed improvement for the church. Another improvement to the church is a cement block wall along the one side.

The rebuilding project has been made possible by Sam Horney's personal labor, volunteer labor, hired labor, and labor of the two Horney sons (Tom and Doug) home from Grace College for Christmas vacation.





Top: After the Taos fire and before rebuilding. Bottom. Finishing the new addition to the church

WHY AN ARCHITECTURAL DEPARTMENT

in the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches?

By L. L. Grubb

Does it pay for the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches to have its own architectural department? Are there some distinct advantages in this for all Brethren churches?

Four years ago the Brethren Home Missions Council opened an architectural department at Winona Lake, Indiana, which, with the exception of a few months, has been operating for many home-mission churches. Established churches have also used this service.

The establishment of this department is in the line with the purpose and policies of the Brethren Home Missions Council which is a *service* organization. Anything in the field of church extension, building, and so forth is in the scope of its activity.

We believe our own Brethren architect is better qualified to meet the building needs of Brethren churches.

1. In modes of worship he knows that our ceremonies are not "high" church, but rather an informal, dignified worship which brings the believer's heart in direct touch with his Lord. This would involve major differences in chancel construction, in choir and seating arrangements, and in the provision and placement of various symbols of worship such as crosses, and so on.

Because most churches are in the "high" church category, an average architect normally and naturally thinks of worship in a more liturgical sense.

2. In the NFBC great stress is placed on the Sunday school, and thus on educational facilities in connection with our churches. This fact will largely influence original plans for a new church and also the development of an overall church plant. Our Sunday School Board has developed ideas in the area of departmentalization and the handling of church and Sunday-school traffic, which are well-known to our Brethren architect. Thus he has a great advantage over others in looking at the total project. In these days of ridiculously expensive church locations, this is a major factor.

3. In thinking of the church building in relation to the distinctive practices of the NFBC our Brethren architect also has an advantage. For baptism by trine immersion a certain size and shape baptistry is needed. This size would even vary in denominations where single immersion is practiced. The threefold communion service is observed in different ways—some holding the love-feast and communion in the pews, others around tables, and so forth. The proper provision of washroom facilities and rooms for the feet-washing service should be considered. It is easy to see how an architect, not familiar with these practices, would have a problem. Just a word of suggestion from the building committee to our Brethren architect is all that is necessary to solve this problem.

4. There is great variation in types of church architecture today. Most new Brethren church buildings are a mixture of traditional and contemporary church architecture—not the expensive cathedral-type building.

For many architects, especially those who have had no experience in church designing, it is very difficult to find that line between simple, modest, inexpensive and yet functional beauty, and the expensive, traditional type of structure with much lost space and useless bric-a-brac.

It is not necessary for our Brethren architect to make a name for himself as the designer of the most unusual church building in the world. Yet, you may see in Brethren home-mission churches the varied beauty and unusual attractiveness of these buildings. (True, many are only first-unit buildings, and thus cannot include all the facilities and beauty ultimately planned.) The Brethren Architectural Department is creative.

5. Since the Brethren architect fully understands the polity of Brethren churches he knows how to work with pastors, building committees, and local congregations. Thus many problems and misunderstandings are avoided, which may arise locally.

Also since our engineer and church designer has been a Brethren pastor for many years, he has valuable experience in the NFBC, knowing the pastors, church locations, and so on. This eminently qualifies him to serve Brethren churches.

We believe our own Brethren architect will save construction money for our Brethren churches.

1. In the overall cost of plans and specifications our architect will save money for you. Any Brethren church for the total sum of $200 may secure a prospectus for a new church or an addition for an older church including three elevations and first floor and basement floor plans.

If the church then decides to go ahead with this service the $200 counts on the total fee which is 3 percent of the total cost of the building for home-mission churches, 3½ percent for former home-mission churches and 4 percent for older churches. This represents the total cost to the church. There are no hidden fees for supervision, traveling, et cetera.

For this fee the church receives a complete set of plans and specifications, which are working drawings and which any qualified contractor can use to construct the building.

Unless there is some unusual local situation where plans are provided cheaper on some other basis as through a lumber company, contractor, or some individual, and these you should carefully screen and understand, even evangelical architect's fees run from 6 percent up, and then sometimes do not include super-

vision. If an average architect is used, fees may run from 8 to 10 percent.

2. Professionally our church designer is a graduate engineer. Working in the department with him is another professional engineer. All of our plans are engineered in our own department. This fact also increases the effectiveness of supervision in the field.

3. Our designing department working in close cooperation with our construction crews develops church construction to the highest point of efficiency and decreases the cost to the lowest penny per square foot. Plans are completed and buildings constructed in record time through the cooperation of these two departments.

4. In giving our churches exactly what they want in a building, our own architect is almost indispensable. He has no "axe" to grind. He has no pre-drawn sets of plans which he tries to sell. Often such plans must be largely changed to fit a local situation and the desires of a congregation so that a larger cost is involved for the final plans.

Many sets of plans are available in the home-mission office for suggestions and ideas, but to make one set of plans in all its particulars to fit several situations is almost impossible. In fact, it is usually very impractical.

In church construction, determining the general course and type of architecture at the beginning are very important. An engineer can help in this by indicating inadvisable procedures and showing advantages. His desire and purpose is to give you what you want and keep the project within the financial limits.

Yes; the Brethren architect will help your church to provide a quality functional building at a minimum cost.

Conclusion.

1. The Brethren architect may work in any section of the Nation. The office being at Winona Lake makes no difference. Reciprocal licenses may be and are being secured in different states or other procedures used to have plans approved. Code books, regulations—municipal, county, and state—may usually be secured in printed form where such regulations exist. Transportation to any point in the USA is a matter of a few hours. A complete catalog file is maintained showing cost and availability of materials used in construction for any locality in the United States. Source materials and periodicals aid in determining the prevailing type of architecture for various sections of the Nation. All over America our department operates professionally and ethically, according to recognized and understood procedures among engineers and architects.

2. Some churches erroneously think they can save money by not having an architect. Usually when such a procedure is attempted the result is a poorly-planned and arranged building, unattractive in appearance, and problems encountered during construction actually cause the cost to be greater than if complete plans and specifications had been prepared in the beginning. In most states the law requires that plans for any public building be prepared by an architect or a professional engineer.

3. Judging from the advantages which accrue to an average Brethren church whether in construction of a new building, or an addition to an already existing one, it would seem that each Brethren church would at least consider the possibility of using this department no matter where the church is located.

This is not primarily a matter of being loyal to our agencies, although this is a Brethren family project, but it is basically a matter of doing the best job for our Lord at the least cost and in the shortest time. If this is not being achieved, we should not have an architectural department.

4. The Brethren Architectural Department can care adequately and professionally for any job your church has in mind—no matter what its size.

We encourage other evangelical churches also to use this service, and they are doing so.

If you are planning a building or addition, write our engineer: Rev. Ralph C. Hall, Box 587, Winona Lake, Indiana.

Editor's Note. In no sense is this article to be considered a criticism of any or all other architects or professional engineers. In Brethren home missions we have worked with these men effectively all over Amer-

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Scent of Heaven at Hell-for-Certain

By Emerson Ward

The Grace Brethren Chapel is located at "Hell-for-Certain" in the Kentucky mountains, notwithstanding the mailing address is Dryhill. The attractive little "general" running the place is Evelyn Fuqua, fondly called "Miss Evelyn" by everyone who knows her, which seems to be everyone in Hyden, the county seat, plus all those in her section of the hills! It was at this "Haven of Witness" that eight of us Gideons from Indiana arrived on Sunday evening, November 26. (Two other couples stayed at the Red Bird Mission.) Their evening service was about half over; but the visiting minister, Rev. Russell Sale, gladly turned the remainder of the meeting over to our men. The attention was excellent and a real evidence of conviction. They told us that it is not uncommon for these people to go out and in during the service, but everyone stayed as if they were glued to the seats. During the invitation several of our men talked personally to some. We trust this witness will bear fruit soon and that there will be a break especially among the men and boys. After this meeting Rev. and Mrs. Sale and the Gideons gathered in Miss Evelyn's home beside the chapel, and she prepared food for us hungry travelers who had not eaten since noon.

After the supper we went to prayer in behalf of the Testament distribution in the schools which we were to carry out during the next two days. We had been in Leslie County two years ago and had given Testaments to all the schoolchildren from the fifth grade through high school. It was our purpose this year to take care of the grades coming up—fourth, fifth, sixth. After much prayer for this ministry Miss Evelyn asked that we pray for a lady for whom she was greatly burdened. She related how this twenty-seven-year-old mother of three children had a husband who had become infatuated with a fifteen-year-old girl and was spending his weekends with her, and his money. The family was often hungry and cold as a result. Miss Evelyn revealed how she had witnessed to her and how she couldn't seem to surrender to Christ. We prayed for this lady whose name was Louvena. As we washed the dishes, we continued to discuss Louvena's plight. And since we men were going to take over Miss Evelyn's house as a hotel for two days while she stayed nights with nearby friends, it was decided we should hire Louvena to come in and help. This would give her a chance to earn a little money.

On Monday we left early before Louvena came. As we went to the schools we found that drivers, guides, and four-wheel drive vehicles were in abundance to help us complete the distribution. It was a great day in spite of a drizzle.

That evening we held a meeting in one of the Hyden churches. Then we gathered back to Miss Evelyn's where we related some of the happenings of the day. One of the teams consisting of a Gideon and a nurse from the Frontier Nursing Service, who drove the jeep up Hell-for-Certain Creek to Devil's Jump, had taken care of four schools. At the last school, Midway, the fan belt broke. However, by driving a short distance at a time they finally were able to get out to a telephone to summon help. Another Gideon told of walking four hours in the rain to take six Testaments to a school isolated by mountain. After the day's happenings were related the conversation again centered on Louvena. Miss Evelyn had talked to her very intimately that day and thought that any moment she would surrender. Again we prayed earnestly for her salvation. Then Miss Evelyn exclaimed: "I know she's going to be saved tomorrow."

The next morning we left again after more prayer for Louvena. A plan was devised whereby we would meet Miss Evelyn and Louvena at a Hyden Restaurant and one of the men would talk to her. God had other plans. Through a chain of circumstances, four Gideons and two wives of Gideons had to drive out to Miss Evelyn's at mid-morning on Tuesday. She requested that they all come in and have prayer with Louvena who was ironing. They went in, prayed and talked to her but without avail until one of the men went over and laid his hand on her shoulder and said: "Let's get down on our knees and tell the Lord all about it."

At this she dropped to her knees and prayed the sinner's prayer. Those present declared it was one of the sweetest they had ever heard as she poured out her heart to God. Just as they had all gotten to their feet weeping tears of joy, I, through another unusual circumstance, arrived at the house. For the next fifteen minutes this girl told how the Lord had been dealing with her. No one could deny that it was all of Him. One of the Gideons gave her a Testament and Miss Evelyn revealed: "Unfortunately, Louvena, can't read."

"But I want to keep the Testament! My girls will read it to me!" she begged as she held the little book a bit closer to her breast. She was assured that it was hers to keep.

Then she told us how on Monday that her girls came home from school holding out their Testaments crying: "Some good men were at our school today, and look!"

That night she told how she listened outside the bedroom door as the girls read aloud from the Testaments. She had wanted to surrender at that moment, but somehow she couldn't. She radiated the quiet confidence that only the Lord can give



Grace Brethren chapel and parsonage

as she unfolded her unusual story.

She revealed how that she had never smoked, drank, or sworn, but had simply rebelled against surrendering to Christ. Perhaps it was because of this background of a more or less pure life, humanly speaking, that she seemed to blossom forth as a delicate mountain flower. To hear her express her love for her wayward husband, as well as the girl who was breaking her home, brought tears to every eye present. She had been the only one in a family of eight who had never had the privilege of learning to read. Her life had been one of denial, but now it would be different because she had Him as her comforter. Yes; this was truly the Scent of Heaven at Hell-for-Certain.

(Editor's Note: Mr. Emerson Ward is a member of the Warsaw-Winona Gideon Camp and was accompanied on the Testament distribution trip by Mr. Zanna Hammer, Mr. Sam Rhodes, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Creighton, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Beeson, Mr. Matthew Niell, Mr. Stockman, Mr. Cy Gyger, Mr. Fred Sciscoe and Mr. Duncan.)

Davenport Building Well Underway



The new Grace Brethren Church, Davenport, Iowa, will probably be completed sometime this month of January. Occupancy was scheduled for December 1961. The group has been meeting in the National Guard Armory and homes of the members when these facilities were not available.

Rev. Carl Key, pastor, is planning for an early spring dedication, and a series of special meetings at the same time with Rev. Lester E. Pifer.

HOME MISSION FIELD REPORTS

TROY, OHIO (Herman Hein, pastor). Our work here is just beginning to catch on fire. I am having a baptismal service next Sunday (Dec. 10) for a fine young couple, a teenager, and five other young people. This will bring our membership over one hundred. We have had forty-two rededications in the past three weeks and six first-time decisions. *Cut off our financial support from The Brethren Home Missions Council as of January 1, 1962.*

TROTWOOD, OHIO. (Larry Gegner, pastor). We praise the Lord for a number who have been saved, followed the Lord in baptism, and joined in the membership of the church here. Last Sunday (Dec. 17) we had our Christmas Program in the evening and there were 199 present.

RIALTO, CALIF. (Gerald Polman, pastor). They started work on our new building last Tuesday (Dec. 19). The grading has been done, the footers dug, forms in place and the rough plumbing in. We have been looking and working toward this end for two years. We certainly need this building, for we again won the National Sunday School contest last month.

POMPANO BEACH, FLA. (Dean Risser, pastor). The Lord is abundantly blessing here. The offerings are up and we have exceeded our home-mission goal of $300 by $37.91. Our worship service averages only two less than Sunday school, and we won the National Sunday School banner for our division in December. We have a set of preliminary plans drawn and with some minor changes hope they will be our future first unit.

SAN DIEGO, CALIF. (Henry Dalke, pastor). The Lord worked in a marvelous way last Sunday. We had Dr. Glenn O'Neal with us for both services. At the morning service we received four new members into the church, and saw a husband come to accept Christ as his Saviour. The following week I was counseling with a young couple who plan to be married and had the joy of leading them to the Lord.

IMPORTANT CHANGE

Dr. L. L. Grubb, Executive Secretary, The Brethren Home Missions Council, Inc., Winona Lake, will be located at 12281 Martha Ann Drive, Los Alamitos, California after February 1, 1962. The telephone number will be Los Alamitos 430-2916. Please keep this change in mind relative to personal contacts. All other correspondence will be processed at the Winona Lake, Indiana address, P. O. Box 587.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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TO ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS:

The capital punishment question, in which law enforcement officers have a basic interest, has been confused recently by self-styled agitators "against the evil of capital punishment." A brochure released not long ago, pleading for "rehabilitation" of murderers while passing lightly over the plight of the killers' innocent victims and families, charges that law enforcement officers "become so insensitized by their dealings with vicious criminals that they go to the extreme of feeling that the death penalty is absolutely necessary."

To add to the burden of conscience borne by peace officers, prosecutors, and jurists and to brand law enforcement officers as callous, unfeeling men "insensitized" to the sanctity of human life are gross acts of injustice to these servants of the public. This ridiculous allegation is mutely refuted by the compassion which wells up in quiet tears flowing down the cheeks of hardened, veteran officers who too often see the ravaged bodies of victims of child molesters.

There can be no doubt of the sincerity of many of those who deplore capital punishment. A realistic approach to the problem, however, demands that they weigh the right of innocent persons to live their lives free from fear of bestial killers against statistical arguments which boast of how few murderers kill again after "rehabilitation" and release. No one, unless he can probe the mind of every potential killer, can say with any authority whatsoever that capital punishment is not a deterrent. As one police officer has asked, how can these "authorities" possibly know how many people are not on death row because of the deterrent effect of executions?

Maudlin viewers of the death penalty call the most wanton slayer a "child of God" who should not be executed regardless of how heinous his crime may be because "God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him" (Gen. 1:27). Was not this small, blonde six-year-old girl a child of God? She was choked, beaten, and raped by a sex fiend whose pregnant wife reportedly helped him lure the innocent child into his car, and who sat and watched the assault on the screaming youngster. And when he completed his inhuman deed, the wife, herself bringing life into the world, allegedly killed the child with several savage blows with a tire iron. The husband has been sentenced to death. Words and words and words may be written, but no plea in favor of the death penalty can be more horribly eloquent than the sight of the battered, sexually assaulted body of this child, truly a "child of God."

The proponents of "rehabilitation" for all murderers quote those portions of the Bible which they believe support their lavender-and-old-lace world where evil is neither recognized nor allowed. But the Bible clearly reveals that enforcement of moral justice is nothing new to our age. In fact, in referring to man as the "image of God," the Old Testament, so freely quoted by opponents of the death penalty, also states: "Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man" (Gen. 9:6). There are many passages in the Old Testament which refer to capital punishment being necessary to enforce the laws of society. Since the Old Testament was written about and to a nation while the New Testament was written to individuals and to a nonpolitical body known as the church, there is a difference in emphasis and approach. Certainly, however, the moral laws of the Old Testament remain with us today.

Misguided do-gooders frequently quote the Sixth Commandment, "Thou shalt not kill," to prove that capital punishment is wrong. This Commandment in the twentieth chapter, verse 13, of Exodus has also been interpreted to mean: "Thou shalt do no murder." Then the twenty-first chapter, verse 12, says: "He that smiteth a man, so that he die, shall be surely put to death." We can no more change the application to our society of this basic moral law in the Old Testament than we can change the meaning of Leviticus 19:18: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself," which Jesus quoted in the New Testament.

To "love thy neighbor" is to protect him; capital punishment acts as at least one wall to afford "God's children" protection.

Very truly yours,
(Signed) J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

(Editor's Note: The above article is the introduction to the June 1961 F.B.I. Law Enforcement Bulletin and written by J. Edgar Hoover, director. In reply to the request for permission to reprint the article in the Brethren Missionary Herald, Mr. Hoover wrote: "I have no objection to your use of the introduction to the June 1961 issue of this publication in the manner you indicated. Your generous remarks are a great encouragement to me and I would like to express my thanks for your prayers." Sincerely yours, J. Edgar Hoover, director.)

DATELINE



MEMBER EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION

LANCASTER, PA. William Tweeddale, pastor of Grace Brethren Church, announces that his church broadcast a special watchnight service for two hours over a local Christian station. There were 120 present for this service.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: An annual Publications Offering Report must be sent into the Brethren Missionary Herald Company by each local church. Those persons giving $5 or more annually become members of the Brethren Missionary Herald Co., Inc. They will be entitled to vote in business sessions of the corporation at national conference upon receipt of Publication Report from local church treasurer.

BEAUMONT, CALIF. Mrs. Wendell E. Kent, wife of the pastor of the Cherry Valley Brethren Church, underwent major surgery Jan. 9.

WINONA LAKE, IND. Richard E. Grant and Kenneth Herman of the Missionary Herald; Alva Steffler and Knute Larson of Grace College; Frank Poland of the Home Missions Council; Mrs. Norman Uphouse of the Women's Missionary Council; and Miss Norma Hulliberger of the Foreign Missionary Society, will attend the Evangelical Press Association conference at Springfield, Mo., Jan. 22-24.

WAYNESBORO, PA. The First Brethren Church here is offering a free week at Camp Grace in the mountains of Virginia during next July to every boy and girl in Junior, Junior high or Senior high Sunday-school classes who memorize 223 assigned Bible verses between now and June 30. Robert Crees, pastor.

NOTICE: Statistician reports are due as of Jan. 31. One copy of the report is to be sent direct to the district statistician and one to the national statistician. If any church has not received blanks or has lost them, please correspond with Russell Williams, 1758 Cheshire Dr., Cheyenne, Wyo.

NEW TROY, MICH. Gerald Kelley, pastor of the New Troy Brethren Church, reports six persons were baptized and joined the church on Dec. 24. Four of these made decisions in recent meetings with Rev. Bob Collitt.

DAYTON, OHIO. Nathan Casement, pastor of Patterson Park Brethren Church, is broadcasting daily on the new Christian station WFCJ. The program is entitled: "Breakfast at the Parsonage."

GARDENA, CALIF. Theodore Malaimare, pastor of Grace Brethren Church here, reports a record attendance of 124 on Dec. 24. The average of 100 for December made the fourth month of record average.

CLEVELAND, OHIO. The First Brethren Church here extended a unanimous call to Clair Brickel to serve as pastor for his fifth year with a generous increase in salary.

FLORA, IND. The speaking engagements of Rev. R. I. Humberd for January and February include a Baptist seminary in San Francisco, a Menonite seminary in Fresno, Calif., Talbot Seminary in LaMirada, Calif., Dallas Seminary in Texas, and Calvary Bible College at Kansas City, Mo.

KITTANNING, PA. Fifteen Brigade boys and seven men counselors of the First Brethren Church spent a weekend camping trip near Cook Forest, Dec. 30-31. H. Don Rough, assistant pastor of the church, accompanied the group as spiritual advisor and speaker.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Clarence H. Lackey, 528 Ohio Street, Elyria, Ohio. Please change Annual.

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA. Roy Dice, pastor of Grace Brethren Church, reports that two young brothers publicly confessed Christ as personal Saviour and a young mother and father united with the church at the New Year's eve service here.

WINONA LAKE, IND. (CNS) —Four all-star basketball teams—first and second teams for both high school and college—whose distinguishing characteristics will be that all members must be active Christians, will be picked this year by a Christian youth magazine.

Youth in Action, the official publication of Free Methodist Youth, in anouncing the competition said that in order to qualify as a member of one of the all-star teams, a player must have a vital Christian testimony, be active in a church youth group, and have an outstanding basketball record. A panel of Christian athletic coaches will make the final selection from the nominations submitted.

Anyone may nominate an eligible player, the editors said. Entry blanks are available from Youth in Action, Winona Lake, Ind. The deadline for nominations is February 1, 1962.

The all-star team selections will be announced in the May 1962 issue of the magazine. It is anticipated that the team members will be present for the first Christian Olympics at the 1962 Youth Advance to be held here August 20-26.

Wedding Bells

Announcements in this column are published when sent in by a pastor.

Pamela Ward and James A. Ervin, Jan. 3, First Brethren Church, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Sharon Louise Miller and Franklin Paul Dixon, Dec. 17, Grace Brethren Church, Elkhart, Ind.

In Memoriam

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

BOWEN, Mrs. Abbey, was called home to glory, Jan. 4. Mrs. Bowen would have reached her one hundreth birthday Feb. 27. She was a member of the First Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa., for many years. Funeral services were conducted by the pastor.

—James Sweeton, pastor

CONDITIONS

That Can Halt Spiritual Declension

By

Dr. S. A. Witmer

Spiritual declension is not easy to identify in its incipient stages because the outward form persists long after the inner core of spiritual life has begun to wither. And there are all kinds of formalism—emotional, rational, ritualistic. In some full gospel circles spirituality is identified with a certain pattern of religious ecstasy. Accordingly, worshipers strive with deadly earnestness to generate emotional demonstrations. This kind of formalism can be as void of true spirituality as any other kind of formalism.

We all know the peril of rational or intellectual formalism. It is holding to the letter minus the life-giving Spirit. It is quite possible to continue to use the vocabulary of orthodoxy long after decline has set in. It is even possible to preach and teach in the terms of holiness without having had a personal encounter with the God of the burning bush.

The important question is how spirituality may be maintained in a movement. Some, however are ready to assert that it cannot be maintained. They hold that the tendency toward declension is as inevitable as old age. There is nothing that can be done about it. To buttress their position, they appeal to the Scriptural prediction of apostasy in the end time. With this position we are in complete disagreement. Otherwise there would have been no point in writing to the Hebrew Christians: "Harden not your hearts"; or to the church at Ephesus, "Repent, and do the first works"; or to the church at Philadelphia, "Thou hast kept the word of my patience."

There is another dispensational truth that needs to be emphasized because it is frequently overlooked. While there will be apostasy and moral declension in the end time, paradoxically there will also be spiritual vitality and fruitage. There will be a ripened harvest from the good seed as well as the evil. There is to be a latter rain (according to James 5:7) as well as an early rain of the Spirit's outpouring. The basic provision of the outpouring of the Spirit in this age of the Holy Spirit is without limit, except that of unbelief. And may we be saved from a dispensational fatalism that blocks the free flow of saving grace!

The following conditions are in-

dispensable to a full gospel movement to enable its maintaining full spiritual life and faithfully to transmit its heritage:

1. The risen, exalted, present-tense *Christ must be the focal center* of all preaching, teaching, service, worship, aims, and activities. Programs, planning and organization must always be oriented to Christ and His glory. Only the person of Christ, who is all in all, can save a movement from the subversive effects of institutionalism.

2. *The presidency, the leadership, of the Holy Spirit* is an unconditional must in any movement that is to be kept spiritual. It was when the churches walked "in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort [paraklesis] of the Holy Ghost," that they were edified and their number multiplied (Acts 9:31). It is significant that to each of the seven churches of Revelation 2 and 3 was given this word: "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." Obedience to the Spirit of God is the path to spiritual recovery, and by the same token response to His leadership points to the highway of the victorious Christian life.

The Lord Jesus is the Head of the church; He is its life, its dynamic, its "headquarters," but His leadership is mediated by the Holy Spirit. Only through the Holy Spirit is the organism of the living church kept in vital touch with its Lord. In the Acts of the Apostles it is evident that the Holy Spirit directed that mighty enterprise of evangelism that extended from Jerusalem to Rome. In and above human leaders was the directing mind of the Spirit of God. The recognition of His presidency in all of the affairs of the church is the one and only answer to the human lust for power.

3. Another condition is *missionary aim*. The abiding presence and power of the living Christ was promised to the church in its fulfillment of the Great Commission. It is an axiom that a church must be kept missionary minded if it is to be kept spiritual. A movement may suffer some deviations, but it seems to be kept going in essentially the right direction so long as its one great aim is to serve as an effective witness to the Gospel at home and abroad. It works with movements as with individuals: the most wholesome Christian is the one who loses himself in self-forgetful service.

4. Another essential is *spiritual processes*. Spiritual ends can be achieved only by spiritual means. The lesson we all must constantly keep before us is that which God taught His people through Zechariah long ago: "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." Carnal methods manipulated by carnal Christians can never produce spiritual results.

Prevailing prayer, active faith, sanctified personalities, surrendered wills, spiritual leadership, cleansed hearts, and pure lives are the means through which God by His Spirit is present in power and blessing among His people.

5. The fifth condition is *God appointed leadership*. Woe to any church or movement that falls into the hands of self-appointed or self-called men. Whether a movement remains true to its heritage is not determined by adherence to a creedal statement nor to conference resolutions. It will depend upon the quality of its leaders in terms of divine appointment and enduement. That is why it is impossible for the founders of a movement to adopt any measures that will absolutely guarantee its future integrity. Most try it but few, if any, succeed. The leadership of a given generation to a large extent determines direction toward or away from the faith of the fathers. There is, of course, a very important implication here for the church as a whole. Whether a group does have divinely ordained leaders depends on its own spiritual discernment. A carnal church is more likely to fall into the error of selecting self-called men.

6. Another condition that cannot be stressed too much is the need for *continuous reiteration of truth*. The doctrines that gave birth to a movement must be spelled out and taught, line upon line, precept upon precept. It is easy to take for granted that people know the meaning of Christian doctrine because the church or denomination officially holds it. But even apart from the need of instructing youth and new converts, there is a need for keeping sharp and clear the concepts of the Christian faith by repeated instruction. If a group holds to the full Gospel in terms of the Spirit-filled life, separation from the world, divine healing, the imminent return of the Lord, the missionary program for this age, then it is incumbent upon preachers and teachers to give thorough instruction in these verities.

The wise old fisherman-teacher, the Apostle Peter, was much concerned that the believers under his pastoral care should maintain fidelity and spiritual vigor after his death. Accordingly, he wrote his second letter (3:1-2) to stir up their minds "by way of remembrance" and to fill their minds ("mindful") with revealed truth. He recognized the tendency of conceptual truth to fade out; consequently he stressed the need for continuous instruction.

7. Finally, there is the need of *valid supernaturalism* if spirituality is to be maintained. The witness of the Early Church was supernaturally confirmed: "God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will" (Heb. 2:4). The decline of the Early Church and many a spiritual movement since coincided with the decrease in supernatural manifestations. And we should remind ourselves that when the supernatural is gone from our church activities only naturalism remains. When that state is reached, there is nothing left but a form of godliness which denies the power thereof. Unless God by His Spirit is present to do the impossible and to give supernatural confirmation to our supernatural religion, the name "Ichabod" might as well be written over the Gothic doorways of our churches.

Our highest responsibility is not, of course, to the heritage of a movement but to God himself. Therefore, we may well pray:

Arm me with jealous care,
As in Thy sight to live;
And O, Thy servant, Lord, prepare
A strict account to give.

(Permission of the Alliance Witness)

THE MOST IMPORTANT PEOPLE IN MY CHURCH

(or Our Churches)

BY REV. JOHN R. TERRELL

Pastor, First Brethren Church
Martinsburg, Pennsylvania

They haven't paid many or any of the church's bills; they have accepted few responsibilities of leadership; they have often lacked spiritual maturity and consistency; yet, there is no group in our churches to whom we feel more obligated than our children and young people. They are the future church. They are the future soldiers of the cross. They are the future ministers of reconciliation. Who could be more important?

In I Samuel 3, one can read the record of a young teen-ager with whom the Lord was trying to make contact. These were days of apostasy, sinfulness and unbelief. The Word of the Lord was "precious," or rare. There was no "open vision," or outward proclamation. A day to which we are not unfamiliar.

At least four points are significant here. First, the Lord called a teen-ager (v. 4); second, the teen-ager goes to his spiritual leader for help and discernment (v. 5); third, Samuel the teen-ager is left in a state of bewilderment and uncertainty; fourth, Eli, the teen-ager's spiritual leader seemingly lacked discernment himself. Samuel received three calls before Eli realized it was the Lord.

We have a similar situation today. God is calling our young people. Their zeal and willingness to hear is often amazing, but they are usually accompanied with an inability to discern the will of God. This, in turn, often leads to bewilderment and uncertainty. In seeking to ascertain the will of God, teen-agers go, or desire to go, to their spiritual leaders. So often, we, the so-called spiritual leaders, lack the necessary vision and discernment to encourage and counsel our young people. We are ready to pounce on them when they step out of line, but *active* love, concern, and interest are often missing. Eli hadn't even won his own sons to the Lord (v. 13). It is little wonder that he almost failed to be of any help to Samuel.

This is a sad situation, for the voices of sin and Satan are also calling to our young people today.

The mounting pressures of an immoral society are piercing and perverting our young people. Of the more than 80,000 illegitimate babies born last year in the United States, 40 percent were born to teen-agers still in school. Satan is now reaching into even Christian homes by way of television and is sowing seeds that many of us will someday regret. Unless some sensible control is adopted, this may well become one of his most effective voices in enticing our young people into immorality.

The call of juvenile delinquency, offering a release from frustration and anxiety, is also heard today by our teen-agers. J. Edgar Hoover says that if our young people continue to respond to this call, there will be over 5 million juvenile delinquents by 1970.

The call of alcohol is also being heard and responded to today. The brewery companies are building for their future slaves by offering a watered-down teen-age beer to our young people.

The call of heathen music with its sensual and suggestive rhythms and lyrics can be added to Satan's calls, along with many more. One could go on and on.

During the summer of 1958, Kenneth and Irene Dudley, with their six children, left Syracuse, New York, to join a carnival. Work was scarce and spasmodic. On November 17, near Baldwin, Florida, death claimed Claude, age three. His parents wrapped him in an old blanket and deposited him in an abandoned mine pit near Lakeland, Florida.

The family then headed for California. Norman, age ten, died near Phoenix, Arizona. Two days later, Charles, age eight, died. The Dudleys kept driving east and south, they kept the boys in the truck until they reached Louisiana. Wrapping them up and weighting them down, they threw them into Lake Pontchartrain.

Next to die was Debbie, age three at Gary, West Virginia. Six days later, her parents put her body in a woods near Jenkins, Kentucky.

On February 10, 1961, Carol Ann, age seven, died and was placed in a woods near Lawrenceville, Virginia. Only Christene, age two and one-half, remained. She was rescued from her parents by police who were finally able to track them down.

Five of their six children had been allowed to die because of neglect. All died from malnutrition and exposure. The parents were arrested and charged with first-degree murder by starvation.

The most important people in our churches are dying from spiritual malnutrition faster than any other group. Most of us are content to lay them aside and forget them.

God is calling teen-agers today. Satan is also calling them. May the Lord awaken us, both parents and ministers alike, to prepare ourselves spiritually to help them discern His will. Our failure is Satan's success!

LAYMEN'S PAGE

Compiled by Kenneth E. Herman

THEY HAVE JOINED HANDS

This is not referring to a wedding, but to a partnership—a divine partnership. The National Laymen and the Board of Evangelism have not only joined hands, but their hearts also for the great task of evangelizing our own communities just as our missionaries are joined in the task of evangelizing pagan foreign lands.

The idea that America has already heard the Gospel is a great mistake. Thousands of congregations meet every week and listen to sermons but never hear the Gospel. Over half of America never darkens the door of a church. They are as hopelessly lost as anyone in Africa or South America. We dare not lift our eyes to far horizons while we let America go to hell. The brighter we shine in America the farther our light will reach in Africa and South America.

If we don't win our next door neighbor to Christ, his children will curse our children. Our National Laymen are rising to the occasion. With the laymen fully back of the Board of Evangelism the entire brotherhood will feel the impact of driving evangelism.

This is a project dear to the heart of most Brethren laymen and one which has received large support. Now with a full-time evangelist, Rev. Bob Collitt, on the field, we trust that the laymen's goal of $3,500 will be exceeded. Reports are coming in from a number of churches telling of how the Lord is using Brother Collitt in a marvelous way to win souls to Him.

Our time is short—shorter than we realize. Our goal: A soul-winning campaign in every church annually. *God helping us it shall be done!*

—R. Paul Miller, chairman of the Board of Evangelism

(Editor's note: Your national laymen's officers anticipate a very close working relationship with the Board of Evangelism in future months inasmuch as national president Ken Kohler has been named an ex-officio member, and your laymen's page editor has also been named to the board.)

EVANGELISM SUNDAY February 25

Sponsored by the National Fellowship of Brethren Laymen. Cooperate with your pastor—make it a laymen's Sunday.

YOUR HELP NEEDED TO MEET THE $3,500 GOAL!

Send all offerings to Ben Zimmerman, R. R. 1, Warsaw, Indiana.



Chicken Pickin' at Palmyra!

The laymen of the Palmyra Grace Brethren Church met recently in the home of Clarence Nye (standing, far right) where the evening program began with a chicken barbeque. The worship service was presented by Rev. William Hagen, of Harrisburg. Newly elected officers of the group are: President, Edgar Theal; vice president, Alvin Clawser; secretary, Harold Hoffsmith, and treasurer, Jesse Gingrich.

(Photo by Allen Zook)

The NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP of BRETHREN LAYMEN

Brethren Boards Launch New Financial Service

A long and important step in Brethren progress was taken recently when three Brethren national boards organized The Brethren Financial Planning Service. The Brethren Home Missions Council, The Foreign Missionary Society, and Grace Theological Seminary are cooperating in providing this much-needed service for Brethren people and churches everywhere.

This service will reach into many areas of financial planning on a strictly voluntary basis. Those who may desire assistance in planning an estate or a present investment program may receive help and take advantage of this service free of charge. If desired, local churches and pastors may receive counsel and help through stewardship conferences. Those who feel directed by the Lord to remember in their will a local Brethren church or any national Brethren organization may receive counsel in doing this. Special gifts, annuities, bequests, and so forth may be designated for any aspect of Brethren work, nationally or locally, through The Brethren Financial Planning Service.



Rev. and Mrs. Leo Polman

In order to implement this plan a committee has been formed composed of representatives from the three boards; Luther L. Grubb, chairman; Russell D. Barnard, treasurer; and W. A. Ogden, secretary. The committee has secured the services of Rev. and Mrs. Leo Polman beginning January 1, 1962 to represent The Brethren Financial Planning Service in our churches. The Polmans have given a life-time of service in the Brethren ministry in both pastoral and evangelistic work. They are well-known to Brethren people over the Nation. Their years of experience and their intense life-time interest in the entire Brethren movement certainly qualify them for the task which they are assuming. They will be living in a house trailer and moving over the Nation as the need appears in the various districts and areas. They will also be available for evangelistic meetings.

From a legal standpoint it is important these days to have your property and financial affairs in order at all times. Recently we saw an illustration of this in a news release concerning the late Hon. Alben W. Barkley. The records show that the estate amounted to $643,801. He left no will. The Internal Revenue service took $343,444 for income taxes. Estate taxes totaled $13,744. Funeral and administration expenses were $123,740. So, the heirs of Mr. Barkley received about $155,000 from his large estate. No matter how small the estate, to be without a will usually means that the courts, the state, and the federal government will appropriate much of your estate. In all probability it will not reach the destination you desired for it. Even if you own nothing but an outboard motor, you have an estate problem in the sense that it must pass on to someone when you die. Every estate must be probated in the regular way. After settlement of even a small estate your heirs may owe such substantial legal fees that they are beyond the worth of the entire estate, and yet they must be paid by the heirs. It is definitely good business to plan for the future financially.

But a believer in Jesus Christ has an additional concern in this area. When the Christian is at home with the Lord how will his former material wealth, no matter how much it has been, be used by those who remain? Will it be devoted to good or evil? Will the believer be held responsible by God for failing to attend to this matter before departing this life? The Bible is not specifically a book on finance. However, even in Old Testament days the Lord was clear in His instructions to Israel relative to their giving which was at least the tithe of their income (Deut. 14: 22). In the New Testament parables at least 30 percent of what Jesus had to say concerned a man and his possession. It is certain that our Lord's simple yet profound spiritual direction to His disciples to "lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven" applies to all the material things God has given to His people on earth and not only to their regular gifts. Believers in Christ are responsible to see that what they leave behind is used to further God's purpose.

The time to attend to this matter is *NOW!* We must not wait until sickness or death overtake us, and we are not competent or able to transact this business.

The Brethren Financial Planning Service can help our Brethren people in these different areas of planning. If you desire such assistance you may write Rev. Leo Polman, 202 Ammunition Road, Fallbrook, California or any member of the committee mentioned above.—L.L.G.

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Pray for Our Country

"Commando! That was his art. He became commanding officer of an outfit deceptively known as the First Special Service Force, a crack team of Canadian and American soldiers unafraid of hand-to-hand combat.

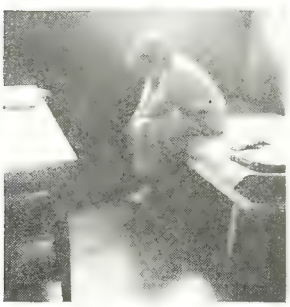
"He had to learn to use a parachute. 'How do you put this thing on?' he asked a sergeant. And five minutes later, he jumped. He and his men fought their way up the Italian Peninsula. Anzio; the Aleutians; ski fighting in Norway—and a string of decorations to show for it. Briefly, peacetime again . . . Then came Korea: command of an infantry regiment, the exhausting, maddening business of fighting an enemy but never quite defeating him." Thus spoke the *Richmond News-Leader* about Major General Edwin A. Walker, lately retired from the Service.

With flaming pen the editor goes on to describe what the general found when he was assigned to Western Germany in 1959: "There he found the same softness, the same purposelessness that hundreds of other professional soldiers have found in youngsters raised on the milktoast liberalism that passes for education these days. So, he began to talk tough about communism, and what it is, and how the enemy conceals himself in an ambush of gauzy falsehood. He spoke bluntly of these influential people, the anti-anti-Communists whose gentle creed is that we must never be beastly to the Reds, the shrill and mocking men who deride patriotism as superpatriotism, and love of country as distasteful and embarrassing. His object was to give his troops a new and vital approach toward anti-communism . . . a positive approach toward the defeat of Communist subversion of the way of life. . . ."

General Walker was first suspended from his command in Europe for this kind of talking, and then he resigned in order to gain the freedom to speak against communistic infiltrations and activities in this country. May God grant us more godly patriots who will force our Government to clean house and rid itself of those who seek to destroy our country from within.

Brethren, pray for our President and his cabinet that God may awaken them in these last days to the desperate need of calling our great Nation to repentance and prayer.—R.E.G.

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Some thoughts on discipline. Read what happened when a community of adults defended a guilty boy (pg. 55).

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THE PARTICULAR WILL OF GOD

In all the world there is nothing so important as the "will of God." To know God's perfect will for *your* life, and to be in that will, means satisfaction, happiness and success. To miss the will of God is the supreme tragedy of human existence; it brings disaster and final ruin. Our blessed Lord knew this when He prayed in the Garden, "Nevertheless, not my will, but thine, be done" (Luke 22:42). And so did the Apostle John when he wrote: "But he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever" (I John 2:17).

If you have thought seriously about life in general at all, you will have observed that much of human life is aimless. It is like the bow "drawn at a venture." It is like Columbus about whom it has been said: "When he started out, he didn't know where he was going. When he got there, he didn't know where he was. And when he got back, he didn't know where he had been." The average life is spiritually without any plan and follows the line of least resistance. It is like the musician who plays "by ear," scoreless and full of discords, out of tune with God.

What I would like to have you see, and *believe,* is that there is such a thing as the "will of God," and that within this divine will there is a perfect plan for every human life—for *your* life. Not only so, but there is also a way to find it. The way to find this particular will of God, I believe, is set forth most completely in Romans 12:1-2: "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

In these two verses we find a very definite technique laid down by the Holy Spirit, which when followed will lead the soul into the "perfect will of God." That in this passage the Spirit has in mind the individual life of the Christian believer is very evident from the verses 3 to 8 which immediately follow. The will of God may be different for every one of us, but we must all take the same way to find it. What must we do? There are at least five things:

We Must Begin With the "Mercies of God"

"I beseech you," writes the Apostle,



By President Alva J. McClain

PART II

"by the mercies of God." And he is speaking about those mercies which God gives through His Son Jesus Christ our Saviour. You will find them revealed and described in the first eight chapters of the Book of Romans, how God reaches down to sinners and justifies them through the blood of Christ, treating them as if they had never sinned—how God sanctifies those whom he justifies, separating them from an evil world and its evil ways—how God preserves them in His Son forever, guarding them from all danger and condemnation. These are the "mercies of God."

Now the important question right here is this: Have you received these mercies of God in Christ? If not, there is no use at all of going further until this matter is settled. For the very first item in the "will of God" for you is to *accept Christ* as your Saviour. Until you have dealt with Him God has no further word for you about His will. Christ is the door to God's perfect will.

Until you have received Christ, until you have feasted upon the mercies which are in Him, until you have experienced salvation at His hand, you cannot have any genuine inclination to do the will of God. He has no way to reach your heart, no way to appeal to you. But once you have tasted the mercies of God in Christ, you will begin to love Him for what He has done, begin to feel the infinite debt of His eternal love and grace; then you will be ready to listen to His voice and respond to His guiding hand.

It is nothing but folly and a waste of time to inquire about God's will for your life as long as you are rejecting the Son of God. The only plan God has is in Christ. A life outside of Him is like a "wandering star." Apart from Him there is neither "chart nor compass" for the human soul.

We Must Present Our Bodies to God

This is the next step. The first step for the sinner is to accept Christ. The first step for the *Christian* is to present his body to God. Consider this word "present." It is God's own word for this act. And it is better than any of the words that we sometimes use—"Let go"—"Give up"—"Yield"—"Surrender"—"Pray through." "Yield" suggests a *passive* attitude. "Surrender" implies a *reluctant* attitude. But "present" speaks of a positive and willing attitude. The passage in Romans 6: 13, "*Yield* yourselves to God," uses the same Greek word, and it should be translated "present." It is a technical term used in Scripture to describe the presentation of an offering to God. There is a fine example of its use in Luke 2:22 where our Lord's parents brought Him to the temple "to *present* him to the Lord."

Even so we must present our bodies to God—our heads, our eyes, our

ears, our lips, our hands, our feet. Is this an unreasonable demand? Not at all. It is rather "your *reasonable* service," according to the Word of God. The presentation of the body to God is the first test of spiritual intelligence. The man who calls himself a Christian and refuses to do this is not quite in his "right mind." Is there anything intelligent or reasonable about the man who gives his soul to God and his body to the Devil? No man can serve two masters. And let us not forget that for good or for bad the body is the instrument of the soul. Unless the body belongs to God, the divine will cannot be accomplished through the soul.

Now this presentation of the body to God is not intended to be a gradual process, something we grow into. On the contrary, the Greek aorist tense declares it to be a single act, as definite as the crisis of conversion, something to be done once for all. The first command of the Holy Spirit to the lost sinner is *"Believe on Christ."* The first command of the Spirit to the saved sinner is *"Present your body to God."* There can be no finding of God's will until He controls you absolutely—spirit, soul, and *body*.

We Must Not Be Conformed to This World

The word used by the Holy Spirit here is most remarkable. It means to take as your model something which is superficial and fleeting. Paraphrased by a great commentator, Godet, the command is "do not take as the model of your life the superficial and fleeting fashions of this present age." And he is not talking merely of the fashions in bodily apparel, but also the world's fashions in religion, and philosophy, and morals. Do not be conformed to these.

Why not? Because the fleeting fashions of this present evil world—its gods, its religions, its morals, its philosophies—are all absolutely opposed to the will of God. If you conform to them, you will never find the will of God for your life. To pray for a knowledge of God's will while walking in conformity with the fashions of the world is utter foolishness.

Many people conform to the fashions of the world because they are afraid to be different. They are afraid they will be called "Queer." And of course this is what the world will say about you if you say *no* to its ways. But the world is wrong. It is not the Christian, but the world that is queer. If anyone is out of step, it is the world, not the Christian. In his day, Paul was accused of "turning the world upside down," whereas he was trying to take a world already "upside down" and put it back right side up. But the world has become so accustomed to seeing things wrong that they cannot recognize right when they see it. No wonder they call the true Christian "Queer." If you remember what the world said about the sinless Christ, you will not be greatly disturbed over what they may say about you.

We Must Be Transformed by the Renewing of Our Minds

Non-conformity to the fashions of the world is good, but it is not enough. The Christian life is more than a negation. To abstain from vices is one step in the divine will, but there is something more. Virtues must grow up where vices once held sway. We are to be "transformed," literally "metamorphosed," as the drab caterpillar is changed into the glorious butterfly. To be separated from the world is good, but to become like our blessed Lord is better.

And notice where this transformation begins—in "your mind." The work begins on the inside, not on the outside. As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he. The unrenewed mind of the flesh is utterly blind to the will of God. It must be renewed before it can recognize and approve the perfect will of God. And it should be remembered that only God can accomplish this work of transforming and renewing in us. Therefore, the command here is *"Let God Have His Way."*

Now if you have received the mercies of God in Christ as Saviour, if you have presented your body to God once for all, if you are saying *no* to the fashions of this present evil world, if you are letting God have His way in the transformation of your life—then you are ready for the final step:

"That Ye May Prove What Is That Good, and Acceptable, and Perfect Will of God"

When we come to this place, we shall be able to "prove" what is the will of God. The word means to "test" or "put to the proof." It is used by our Lord in speaking of the man who bought the oxen and went to "prove them" (Luke 14:19). And John uses the same word when he commands us to "try the spirits" (I John 4:1). Even so we must discover God's particular will for our lives by a process of testing in our own personal experience. Weymouth translates the passage: "That you may learn by experience what God's will is."

To some people this method is not very satisfactory. They would like to have it done differently. They would like to have God drop the whole plan down from heaven for each life, all written out and charted in detail, telling us to go here or there, something like an automobile road map.

But such is not God's way. The revelation of His will and plan for you is like the weaving of a beautiful tapestry. The design appears as the work goes on. We may look back on the finished part and see the pattern clearly, but the unfinished portion belongs to God. We must walk by faith, every step, every moment, doing the things He puts before us, no matter how humble or trivial, reading His Word, communing with Him in prayer, believing against all mere appearances that He is leading and will continue to lead. Thus he keeps us depending on Him and Him alone without which we can know nothing about His will.

The next and final article will expound more fully the problem of *proving* the will of God.

NEW YEAR'S REVOLUTIONS

By Larry W. Poland

While we are still scrapping the sheets of paper misdated "1961" is the time for us to take a serious look at the year 1962. There is no doubt about it, talk of "turning over a new leaf" and making New Year's resolutions is just about as original a topic as the seasonal greeting of "Happy New Year." But then, I suppose that all talk of improving things in the new year would be entirely irrelevant if the old year left nothing to be desired. A hasty reflection of the past three hundred and sixty-five days shows us, however, that perfection was not achieved and that the old year could just possibly be improved —all three hundred and sixty-five days of it in fact! Thus, the new year, the needed improvements, and the glance at the past *are* relevant and pertinent and important.

But since, as someone has said, "Resolutions are made to be broken," let us suggest a hypothetical new year under the term of revolutions—drastic changes not so likely to be undone.

Revolution No. 1 in Our Relationship With God

A 1962 with at least an hour a day of unhurried, unmolested communion with God through prayer and God's Word.

A 1962 of total freedom from the twinges of conscience caused by the dark corners of our heart, which we refuse to let His light brighten.

A 1962 of really believing in God, not an I-prayed-but-I-really-didn't-think-He'd-answer type of faith.

Revolution No. 2 in Our Personal Conduct

A 1962 of above-reproach Christian life—in paying our debts as we forgive our debtors.

A 1962 with *vocal* expression of our testimony based on our above-reproach life—more back-fence gospel and less back-fence gossip.

A 1962 of actively seeking out and winning the lost—winning involves a little offense.

Revolution No. 3 in Our World

A 1962 in which The Brethren Church sees a net gain in membership of 151,000 not 151*—that is *only* six persons saved and baptized per member.

A 1962 in which world communism is subverted by a dynamic New Testament Christianity bringing spiritual revolution to its ranks through salvation and regeneration.

A 1962 in which the Lord of glory comes again to receive His own!

Now I ask you, wouldn't that be a revolutionary year? It would be ideal if all of these revolutions transpired in the order they are set forth. But Christ just *may* come before any one of these can be realized. This leaves us with much to do.

Jonathan Edwards, the famous early-American pastor, resolved, "Never to do anything which I should be afraid to do if it were the last hour of my life." And, Mr. and Mrs. Reader, only the grace of God has allowed you to get this far in this article.

Revolutionary Conclusion

It is not time to turn over a new leaf for "Father Time," but to turn over a new life to the Father of all time, the one, true God of the universe whose Son may come back at any minute. Why not start now!

*1960 annual net gain in membership in The Brethren Church.

Musical Minutes

DONALD OGDEN

Question: Should a choir be accompanied by piano or organ?

Answer: At rehearsals better results are usually realized with piano accompaniment. The percussive quality of the piano gives a clearer indication of pitches and tempo, and music may be learned more quickly. If an organ is used in performance, it should be used also for at least the final rehearsal. Some of the most profitable practice is that which is done without any instrument; singers learn to be more self-reliant, and defects are more easily discovered.

In performance, some numbers may be enhanced by piano accompaniment, but some are better with organ alone—especially numbers which have no written accompaniment other than the actual voice parts. The ability of the choir may be a factor; the piano will give needed support to a group that may fall short in ability or in preparation.

Question: What type of songs should a choir sing?

Answer: For worship services the most appropriate music consists of good anthems (good music with worthwhile texts), and good hymn tune arrangements ("hymn anthems"). About 20 to 30 percent of the latter would make a well-balanced church choir library. Gospel songs and gospel song arrangements are usually most appropriate for evangelistic services.

Note: Your questions on Church Music are solicited and will be treated either in this column or by personal correspondence.



In fourteen weeks we plan to watch the shovel take its first big bite for the dorm's foundation.

As of January 12 we have $40,000 in investments and $73,000 in gifts. We will need $137,000 more before the building can be started. $450,000 is the total amount needed.

You can help by investing (5 percent, $500 and over; 4 percent, under $500) your money in a sound, reliable foundation. Invest your dollars in the Brethren Investment Foundation. Be sure to mark your money for Golden Opportunity Investment so that it will be directly used for dorm construction.

Consider this wise investment in financial security and Christian youth. For more information write the Golden Opportunity Investment Foundation, Box 587, Winona Lake, Ind.

NOT GUILTY

BY ARNOLD KRIEGBAUM

Dean of Men, Grace College

On October 10, 1960, a thirteen-year-old boy in the Graysville (Ind.) school was taken by his mathematics teacher to the office of the principal for disciplinary measures. Discipline was deemed advisable because of an accumulation of evidence of misconduct on the pupil's part. These included inattentiveness, classroom misbehavior, failure to do assigned work, and indifference. Witnesses testified that the child had a long history of this type of school behavior. The teachers conferred frequently with the boy himself, and many times with the parents.

In several conferences with the teachers, the mother constantly blamed the teachers and administrators of the school for her boy's trouble. This mother, in spite of her love for her child, and her apparent interest in his welfare, would blindly defend her son and verbally crucify the teachers and the school officials.

When the boy was finally ushered to the principal's office for discipline, the teachers consulted and agreed that the youngster's accumulated behavior pattern deserved disciplinary punishment. The boy, under the eye of witnesses, was struck twice on the buttocks with a paddle. At this, the boy became angry, loud, kicked a chair away, and bolted for the door. Another teacher, hearing the disturbance, entered the office and stopped the boy. This teacher talked with the boy, but he only resisted. The paddle was applied again.

Testimony in court established that the teachers were not motivated by anger, malice, ill will or hatred. Each teacher was cool, calm, reasonable, regretful of the need of punishment. Each teacher believed, in good faith, that punishment was reasonable, required and justified.

Parental Attitude

Almost immediately the community of Graysville became the center of malicious gossip, and the several educators were made to look like "Dr. Jekylls and Mr. Hydes." The educators met with people of the community in "an attempt to be helpful," and to impress them with the problem that "children were expecting grades to be handed out without their working." However, mass hysteria was taking the community of Graysville. The controversy became involved in cheap politics, and resulted in not only injury to the boy, but to the whole community. The news media dramatically publicized the incident and the final blows of community attitude were more damaging than the few blows of a paddle in the educator's office.

Fruit of Parental Attitude

Early in November the sheriff came to the Graysville school and sought out the boy. Significantly, he found concealed on the boy an ugly, deadly, large dagger-type knife.

The qualified principal and the teachers were dismissed by the school board, and court evidence records that "The rest of the year was wasted—pupils would not mind, would not study, defaced the restroom walls, exploded fire-crackers in the school, threw cherry bombs, let air out of tires, and then asked of teachers, 'What can you do about it?'"

The Court's Attitude

Judge Robert B. Stewart, of Sullivan County, heard the case. The Honorable Mr. Stewart is to be commended on his decision.

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A Christian Sabbath?

By Hobart E. Freeman

Although the term is regularly used by many Christians, a "Christian Sabbath" is a misnomer. With respect to the Sabbath-Sunday question, too few have really comprehended the exact principle of grace. The question goes far deeper than the manner of observance of a day. It is the fundamental question of whether grace is to reign supreme or whether it is to be co-mingled with legalism and the Mosaic Law. Chafer has correctly observed that "truly the choice of a particular day and the manner of its observance is a test question as to the individual's intelligent adjustment to the whole grace revelation. . . . These two days, typical of two opposing governing principles and two great dispensations, are absolutely unrelated."*

Failure to make a proper distinction between *pure* law and *pure* grace, as Paul constantly argued, results in a confusing admixture of two completely opposing elements and principles. Many, while they see the distinction between the two dispensations with regard to circumcision, sacrifices, temple worship, and so forth, utterly fail to make such a distinction between the Jewish Sabbath and its regulations and the Christian Lord's Day—Sunday. However, the Hebrew Sabbath was interrelated *with the law* and embedded in the heart of the Decalogue, and was, therefore, abolished when the entire Mosaic system was superseded by the reign of grace. Paul insists on this fact when he writes that Christ's death had resulted in "Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross . . . Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days" (Col. 2:14, 16).

Yet in spite of the clearest Biblical teaching with regard to this truth, and that every day is equally holy unto God, there are two groups who evidently reject this divine revelation: The Adventists who insist on the observance of the Mosaic *seventh* day (Saturday); and those who observe the *first* day, but invest it with the *character* of the Jewish Sabbath on the authority of the Decalogue as given to Israel. The first group claims basically Commandments or Moral Law is not law which was abolished at the cross the Sabbath day commandment, r answer to this subtle argument is sir only was the Decalogue included and the Old Testament law, since the entir was *one* law, but also the Decalogue tively said to be "the law" in the Ne —Romans 7:7. Consequently it is pate is required to observe *any* aspect of then he is under its curse and a debt whole law, including circumcision, sac ritual, and so on, since "the law" is a 27:26; Gal. 5:2-3; 3:10; James 2:10). H law" or old covenant in its entirety, was abolished in Christ (II Cor. 3; H

But there is even greater inconsis position of those who, while they r first day of the week, yet legalize it b with the character of the Mosaic S results in confusion since the law o never subject to *partial* observance, even more demanding of complete r exception (Rom. 11:6). There is n Sabbath" but a "New Day" which bel All observance must be of either one To co-mingle them, as every legalis frustrate grace (Gal. 2:21).

One wonders if those Christians to legislate morality by seeking to im legal observance of Sunday (a Chris upon the secular community at large considered the anomalous and uns plications of legalistic Sunday "Blu this dispensation of grace? We woul remember the tragic failures of such legislate morality by Calvin in Gen Established State Church in early Ne

While the Christian is not bound ism to observe one day above the othe be said that it is clear that he canno first day without destroying its hist meaning. This is to rob Christ of Hi is the error of those who attempt Je day observance. It is likewise mea fruitless to talk as some do, in order t

*Lewis Sperry Chafer, *Grace*, Wheaton, Illinois: Van Kampen Press, 1947, pp. 244-45.

freedom under grace, that the church can worship and celebrate Christ's resurrection on Tuesday or any other day as well as Sunday. If it were a test of legalism alone, this would be manifestly true, but such is not the case. The first day of the week is the new day of the Lord—the Lord's Day—the day of the resurrection, a day which from the beginning was filled with joy, expectation, spiritual activity, and worship. The *first day,* under grace, signifies something to the *church,* just as the *seventh day,* under Law, signified something to *Israel.* To change or co-mingle either is to destroy their significance.

The difference between the two days is seen in that the Lord's Day belongs to a particular class of people—not the world to whom it is a holiday, not the Jews or the legalists, but to the regenerated believers under the reign of grace, and the Lord's Day is, by its very nature, not subject to legalistic rules. This is a basic distinction from the Sabbath, the observance of which is inseparable from the Mosaic law and ceremony. Under grace the Christian is to be led by the Spirit (Rom. 8). The New Testament sets forth great spiritual principles which are not subject to legalistic detailed treatment. Step by step every work of grace for holy living is wrought in the heart of the personal individual life by the Holy Spirit.

It is obvious that the proper observance of the day will be no problem to Spirit-filled believers. But what of the great many weak and carnal Christians? "Do they not need laws and regulations for keeping the day?" ask the legalists. The patent answer can only be: Is God satisfied in forced, mere outward conformity that is not motivated by the heart? One of the evidences of grace is the exercise of freedom in willful obedience which results in a holy, God-honoring way of life. ". . . ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you" (Rom. 6:14-18).

The principal of grace is to govern Sunday observance; and since there are no rules in the New Testament to spell out "how" this should be done, then the believer, recognizing it as the Lord's Day, will live it in freedom *and* in a manner well-pleasing unto Him. To do this requires the believer to remember two principles implicit in the Old Testament Sabbath commandment. One principle involves the body, the other the soul or spirit. The purpose of the Hebrew Sabbath was to give man a day of rest for his body and to provide him with a day for worship and the nurture of his soul. Thus the one day made provision for both his basic needs. Therefore, since the body and soul of the Christian quite obviously are still subject to the same needs, he will seek to realize their fulfillment in the day set aside by the church for the commemoration of Christ's resurrection.

Christian freedom does not mean that the Christian is free to live as he pleases on *any* day of the week. But he will be especially aware that the world has turned this Christian day of rest and worship into an unholy "holiday"—a time of special revelry, frolicking, drunkenness, dissipation, commercialism, and sin. The Christian will see, in light of this, that he personally can give no better witness for Christ than to dedicate the Resurrection day to the Lord's glory by abstaining from all commercialism, idle frolicking, and unnecessary secular work.

Moreover, being freed from legalistic Sabbath restrictions the Christian will recognize the Lord's Day as a day of *Christian activity.* Here is the place where the Lord's Day ceases to be a day of grace and becomes a burden to many Christians, who, when confronted with their Christian responsibilities, complain that "I thought Sunday was to be a day of rest and relaxation," or that "the Bible says to rest on the Sabbath," and so on. But not even the Hebrew was expected simply to go to bed on the Sabbath and "rest" in this sense. He was to cease from his *secular* labors on the Sabbath, not only for health's sake, but also for religious considerations. It is significant that when the Lord arose on Sunday that His first words to His disciples were "Go tell." Thus there is to be no "weekly vacation" from our Christian responsibilities. The Lord's Day is not intended for selfish use or idleness. This is to misuse our freedom. The Spirit-filled believer will see the day as *a day of grace and opportunity,* in which freedom from secular burdens enables him to serve more fully his true Master, whose "burden is easy" and whose "yoke is light."

NOT GUILTY

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"Much delinquency originates in a lack of training and discipline in the home, especially where children are always right and schools and courts and officers are always wrong. In some schools teachers are afraid to assert authority. They feel that their hands are tied. While a few unthinking, supersensitive, or radical, parents make it rough on teachers and school officials—often manifesting an attitude that they know more than those who spend long years in training for their profession—the bulk of serious-minded parents and burdened taxpayers are supposed to sit by and see our schools damaged and their effectiveness ruined without good purpose. Teachers must assume their rightful functions without fear. Their assumption of reasonable and necessary authority must be supported."

The Purpose of the School

Judge Stewart observed further: ". . . a school is a workshop, not a playhouse; if a child becomes a disturbing factor, he robs his schoolmates of their rightful share of attention of the teacher; unlike the family, the school is composed of a greater variety and greater number of children coming from homes of varying standards; society that supports the schools at great cost and a state that depends on the sound training of its youth for its well-being and very life has the right to insist on such discipline as will insure good order necessary for best operation of its educational facilities."

The Victims

As a result of a gossip campaign, lack of understanding of the facts, and mass hysteria, two fine educators in the Graysville school were dismissed. Two educators who tried to help a boy became the innocent victims of prejudiced public sentiment. Immature adults sought to show love but made the mistake of defending a guilty boy.

The Verdict

"So," the judge ruled, "looking beyond the bitterness and deep animosities existing because of this unfortunate circumstance, unmoved by its unmerited publicity and cheap political application, looking to the laws applicable including those of reasonable doubt, and other requirements in all criminal prosecution, I am not convinced of the guilt of the defendants [the teachers], and the Court now finds each of them *not guilty*."

Christian parents, be admonished to stand behind your pastors, your educators, and your youth workers. Rather than assume that teachers do not understand your child, conclude that they are in the field of education because they have an interest in youth. This interest will not permit educators to stand by while 4 percent who are rebellious limit the educational possibilities of the 96 percent who are determined to make of themselves upright American citizens.

"He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes" (Prov. 13: 24).

GIFTS TO GRACE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AND COLLEGE

December 1961

	General Fund	Building Fund
Allegheny		
Aleppo, Pa.	20.00	21.00
Jenners, Pa.	100.00	11.00
Listie, Pa.	148.28	
Meyersdale, Pa.	260.50	100.00
Meyersdale, Pa. (Summit Mills)	96.67	
Parkersburg, W. Va.	63.00	
Washington, Pa.	16.95	
East		
Altoona, Pa. (First)	10.00	
Altoona, Pa. (Grace)	25.75	
Everett, Pa.	23.00	
Hopewell, Pa.	14.00	
Johnstown, Pa. (First)	478.65	71.50
Kittanning, Pa. (First)	215.00	51.00
Martinsburg, Pa.	294.78	25.00
Indiana		
Berne	60.00	29.00
Clay City	15.00	
Elkhart	45.00	15.00
Flora	9.00	
Fort Wayne (First)	1,745.43	1.10
Leesburg	49.04	35.47
Osceola	25.50	1.00
Sidney	218.00	
South Bend	69.00	
Warsaw	26.00	
Winona Lake	820.83	110.00
Iowa		
Dallas Center	179.00	
Leon	3.00	
Waterloo	123.25	46.25
Michigan		
New Troy	13.00	
Mid-Atlantic		
Alexandria, Va.	93.75	
Hagerstown, Md. (Calvary)	159.02	
Martinsburg, W. Va.	50.00	290.00
Washington, D. C.	12.50	
Waynesboro, Pa.	259.12	24.00
Westminster, Md.	41.60	9.20
Midwest		
Portis, Kans.	100.00	
Nor-Cal		
Chico, Calif.	5.00	
Modesto, Calif. (McHenry)	10.00	
Sacramento, Calif.	55.50	
Northern Atlantic		
Harrisburg, Pa.	57.05	
Lancaster, Pa.	11.00	
Palmyra, Pa.	11.00	
Philadelphia, Pa. (First)	5.00	5.00
Philadelphia, Pa. (Third)	156.60	46.00
Northern Ohio		
Akron (First)	60.00	
Ashland	358.00	
Canton	27.00	
Cleveland	81.29	5.00
Cuyahoga Falls	238.33	
Danville	47.00	
Fremont (Grace)	218.32	50.25
Galion	17.00	
Homerville	15.00	
Mansfield (Grace)	1,151.00	65.00
Mansfield (Woodville Grace)	25.00	
Middlebranch	61.00	
Rittman	51.00	
Sterling	17.00	
Wooster	245.10	
Northwest		
Albany, Oreg.	54.90	17.15
Seattle, Wash.	300.00	
Sunnyside, Wash.	25.00	29.45
Toppenish, Wash.	5.00	
Southeast		
Virginia Beach, Va.	101.25	
Southern California and Arizona		
Bellflower, Calif.		12.00
Inglewood, Calif.	6.00	7.00
La Verne, Calif.	78.00	
Long Beach, Calif. (First)	439.50	22.50
Long Beach, Calif. (Los Altos)	20.00	
Long Beach, Calif. (North)	10.00	
Los Angeles, Calif. (Community)	32.50	
Montclair, Calif.	101.10	
Norwalk, Calif.	31.00	43.00
Phoenix, Ariz.	66.50	
San Bernardino, Calif.	109.58	
South Pasadena, Calif.	173.03	
Temple City, Calif.	6.00	
Whittier, Calif. (First)	5.00	
Southern Ohio		
Clayton	34.25	3.00
Dayton (First)	541.14	419.86
Dayton (Grace)	37.00	
Dayton (North Riverdale)	503.00	33.00
Dayton (Patterson Park)	171.50	
Trotwood	30.00	
Troy	47.18	
Miscellaneous		
Isolated Brethren	82.50	2.50
Non-Brethren	1,100.00	5.00
College Student Body	7.36	
Grace Annual Staff	87.25	
College Faculty	3.81	
Maintenance Gifts	280.00	
Totals	3,308.56	1,606.23

DESIGNATED FUNDS	
Ashland, Ohio	257.00
Clayton, Ohio	5.00
Mansfield, Ohio (Grace)	140.00
Martinsburg, Pa.	300.00
Sidney, Ind.	13.27
South Bend, Ind.	19.87
Whittier, Calif. (Community)	156.25
Winona Lake, Ind.	155.00
Non-Brethren	130.00
Total	1,176.39

Newspage

MEMBER EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION

WARSAW, IND. Charles Taber, pastor of the Community Grace Brethren Church here, underwent surgery Jan. 11 at the Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, Ind. His condition is very serious. Our entire brotherhood is earnestly requested to pray in his behalf.

FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA. A Christmas program and birthday party for Jesus was held at the Grace Brethren Church on Christmas eve. Over 400 people were in attendance and the gifts to Jesus were valued at nearly $2000.

A Youth Gospel Crusade was held here January 14-19. Dave Harris was the special youth speaker. Ralph Colburn, pastor.

BEAUMONT, CALIF. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Claude McMahan, members of the Cherry Valley Brethren Church here, who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Jan. 7.

UNIONTOWN, PA. Faith Bible Conference was held at the First Brethren Church, True Hunt, pastor, during Jan. 15 and 16. Rev. George Slavin, of Roslyn, Pa., was the guest speaker.

WOOSTER, OHIO. Kenneth B. Ashman, pastor of the First Brethren Church, was extended a call by the congregation to remain here for the 17th year.

ROANOKE, VA. The Washington Heights Brethren Church, Vernon J. Harris pastor, conducted a Youth revival during Jan. 13-17. Rev. Albert Runge, representative from the American Board of Missions to the Jews in Pittsburgh, Pa., was the evangelist. Brother Harris also reports that $1,000 was recently willed to the church by a Miss Mattie Garst. She was not a member of the church but had many friends here. It was specified that the money be used for the general upkeep of the church and not for missions or the pastor's salary.

WINONA LAKE, IND. Kenneth Koontz, who will be graduating from Grace Seminary this May, accepted the call to become pastor of the Leesburg Brethren Church. He assumed pastoral duties Jan. 14.

INGLEWOOD, CALIF. All Sunday school and Youth workers of the First Brethren Church will be meeting on Sunday, Feb. 4 with Harold Etling, national Sunday-school director. Richard DeArmey is pastor.

WOOSTER, OHIO. Due to an unexpected large demand for the current issue of "Daily Devotions," the booklet prepared and presented by The First Brethren Church here, the current issue for Jan.-Mar. is all gone. Some who ordered late were disappointed. The Wooster Church would appreciate orders for the second quarter booklet, April-June, to be placed by the deadline indicated on the order blank going out to all churches—Feb. 15. Since this is a non-profit service to the denomination, the church cannot afford to print more than are ordered. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated. We do not want to disappoint anyone who may desire future issues. Individual booklets are 25 cents each. Group orders from a church are 20 cents, plus 10 percent postage. Address all orders and correspondence to "Daily Devotions," Box 1, Wooster, Ohio.

CHICAGO, ILL. Dr. Kenneth S. Wuest, 68, author and former faculty member of Chicago's Moody Bible Institute, died December 27 in West Suburban Hospital of Oak Park, Illinois.

He retired three years ago after 29 years as a teacher of Bible and Greek at Moody. As author of 20 books, he was best known for his "Expanded Translation of the New Testament."

WEDDING BELLS

Announcements in this column are published when sent in by a pastor.

Sherry Lou Carter and Rodney Beals, Jan. 13, at Grace Brethren Church, Lansing, Mich.

ENDS EARTHLY PILGRIMAGE

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

SHOCK, Forest, was loosed away upward Sunday, Dec. 17. He was a member of the First Brethren Church, Spokane, Wash., for seven years and a member of the official board. Jesse Hall officiated at the memorial service.

JORDON, Mr. C. C., went to be with Christ on Jan. 3. He was baptized and became a member of the First Brethren Church, Spokane, Wash., during Dr. R. Paul's Miller's ministry many years ago. Jesse Hall conducted the memorial services.

GITTINGER, Mary Louella, 88, passed away Dec. 23. She was a faithful member for many years of the Leon Brethren Church, Leon, Iowa.

—Glen Welborn, pastor



HAGERSTOWN, MD.

The Gay Street Brethren Church had a very successful Watch Night Service on New Year's Eve. The services were attended by 63 people. The program consisted of special music, men and girl's quartets, candlelight service, refreshments, and closed from 11:30 to 12 in prayer.

These are closing days for the Gay Street Church, for we are looking forward to entering the new building during the month of February. Your sincere prayers are requested as we make the change from the old building to the new.

The pastor is happy to report that several new families are contemplating coming to the new church. Truly, the Lord has done great things for us, wherein we are glad.

—William Howard, pastor

WHAT HAS HAPPENED *to the Christian Home?*

BY REV. WILLIAM H. SNELL

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It is rather common knowledge that the American home is no longer what it once was. The home today certainly does not function like the homes of fifty years ago. It is almost trite to say that the home has fallen apart.

But what about the Christian home? There is a vast difference between the American home and the Christian home.

In the December issue of *Moody Monthly,* Dr. Arthur Glasser made the following observation: "A generation ago more than 70 percent of all missionary recruits came from Christian homes and churches. Today these sources are no longer producing the bulk of our missionary force. Now candidates for the mission field, more often than not, come from those students who were converted to Christ while undergraduates."

The breakdown of the American home is tragic. The breakdown of the Christian home is terrifying. And it certainly seems evident from many different points of view that the Christian home has suffered the same fate as has the American home.

We might well ask the question: "What has caused the breakdown?"

One reason that the Christian home is no longer producing what it should produce is that the spirit of the world has invaded the home. The TV has brought the dance, smoking, drinking, card playing, gambling, cheating, lying, hatred, violence, and a dozen other things into the living room. There was a time when Christian parents strictly forbade their children to attend the theater. Now the living room of many a Christian home is nothing but a miniature theater.

Literature that comes into the home may also be a contributing factor in its breakdown. Much of the reading that Christian people do is either off color a shade or two or it is totally out of keeping with Christian standards.

Another reason for the failure of the home is the fact that mothers are working. We live in a materialistic age. We feel that our children need all sorts of things. Dad's income is not sufficient, so Mother goes to work. Motherhood is certainly the greatest privilege and responsibility a woman can have. Titus 2:4 and 5 says: "Teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed." A Christian mother stands in a very special place with her family. She has the wonderful privilege and the grave responsibility of teaching her children the things of God. Now this she does not only in planned sessions of reading, memorizing, singing, and study, but also by her daily example.

Fathers have a part to play in this program, too. They are responsible, as well as mother, and should take an active part in the training of the children. What a tragedy that so many fathers help so very little, if at all, in this great responsibility. Really it boils down to this: a Christian mother's time and care for her children are much more important than the new bicycle that she buys for her children as a result of her working.

Yet another reason for the collapse of the Christian home is the fact that often believers are too busy to spend time with their families. When parents get so involved in the work of the church that they never have time to spend an evening at home, they are simply too busy. If we neglect our home and family, some day we will no doubt regret it. If Dad is at church most every evening of the week on church business, there may come a day when he will wish he had spent some time with his teenage son. I believe it is possible to become so busy in the Lord's work that we neglect our families. Is this right?

The homes of our Nation have fallen apart. The Christian home is no exception. If we are going to stop this frightening disintegration, we must take some steps soon.

Parents in the home must recognize their God-given responsibility, and by His Grace seek to fulfill that responsibility. Parents must catch a vision of what the Christian home, properly ordered, can do for the children. The home is still the greatest institution of learning on earth. Oh, if Christian parents would only realize what they could do for their children in the home, I believe many a homelife would be changed.

The influence of the world must be shut out of the home if we want the children of the home to become believers.

It is discouraging to see moral decay and corruption on every hand in the world. Certainly one of the contributing factors has been the passing of the American home.

It is tragic to see children coming out of Christian homes that have no interest in the things of Christ. Is your "Christian" home also falling apart? What are you willing to do about it?

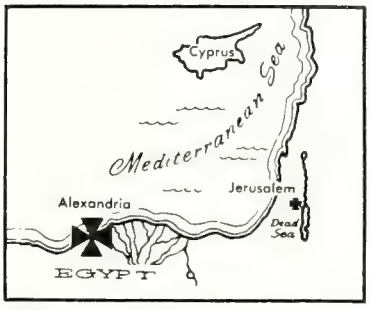
THE SEPTUAGINT

THE FIRST GREEK TRANSLATION
OF THE HEBREW OLD TESTAMENT
MADE BY 70 TRANSLATORS IN 70 DAYS



The Bible of Jesus' Day

ALEXANDER THE GREAT CAPTURED PALESTINE IN 332 BC. HE SPARED JERUSALEM, BUT TOOK MANY OF THE JEWS TO ALEXANDRIA, IN EGYPT.



ALEXANDER DIED A FEW YEARS LATER AND PTOLEMY II BECAME KING OF EGYPT.

KING PTOLEMY WANTED A COPY OF THE BOOK OF THE JEWISH LAW FOR A GREAT LIBRARY WHICH HE WAS BUILDING.



KING PTOLEMY

MESSENGERS WERE SENT TO JERUSALEM AND THEY BROUGHT BACK THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES PLUS 70 JEWISH INTERPRETERS TO TRANSLATE THEM INTO GREEK--THE LANGUAGE OF THE WORLD AT THAT TIME.

THE 70 TRANSLATORS WORKED 70 DAYS TO COMPLETE THE BOOKS OF THE LAW AND IT WAS CALLED THE "SEPTUAGINT," THE LATIN WORD FOR "SEVENTY."



THE SEPTUAGINT WAS NO DOUBT THE VERSION FROM WHICH JESUS QUOTED SCRIPTURE. IT IS STILL USED BY THE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH TODAY.

✳ *SOME DETAILS ARE NOT CLEAR, BUT HISTORIANS AGREE ON MOST OF THE GENERAL STORY OF THE "SEPTUAGINT."*

WALKING and WATCHING

BY REV. HOMER R. MILLER

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Many people imagine that when they have believed in Christ, the work of God in their behalf is complete. The Bible declares that when an individual repents and turns in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ that person is saved for eternity—"ye are complete in him" (Col. 2:10). However, no man in this life is so complete that he does not need to be urged on by warnings and exhortations and promises. In all of the epistles the saints are warned against sin and exhorted to obey in many duties. Even those who were chosen of God to be the instruments through whom He revealed the Word by the Spirit were warned by the Lord Jesus to "watch and pray." They were to watch lest Satan drag them into sin; to pray that God's power might be seen in their lives. In a real sense, our watching issues in a closer walk with the Lord.

Many times in the letter to the Ephesians, the Apostle Paul speaks of the walk of the believer: how he *used to walk* before salvation (2:2), and how he *is to walk* now that he is saved (2:10; 5:2, 8, 15).

An Amazing Conversion

"*Ye were sometimes darkness*" (Eph. 5:8). The term "darkness" aptly describes the state of the unsaved man. It suggests ignorance, sin, and misery. The natural man is blind to the things of God, and where there is no vision the people perish. The natural man is blind in that he cannot see the holiness of God. He cannot see his own need for a Saviour. He cannot see the value of a life dedicated to the Lord. This does not mean that he is necessarily of the worst outward character. Paul classed himself in this state, and he lived a very "religious" life before his conversion. A man outside of Christ is not only in the dark; he is described as darkness itself. But something happened to those to whom Paul was writing.

"*But now are ye light in the Lord*" —there is a great gulf betwixt the "ye were" and "but now are ye." How was this gulf spanned? Chapter 2 of this same epistle (Ephesians) gives a very graphic history of the transaction. "*And you* . . . wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world . . . and were by nature the children of wrath . . . at that time ye were without Christ . . . having no hope, and without God in the world" (2:1-3, 12). "*But God,* who is rich in mercy . . . even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ" (2:4-5). "*But now* in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ" (2:13). This change is brought about because of God's grace and the faith of the individual in Christ's redemptive work on Calvary (2:8-9).

The Accompanying Challenge

In Ephesians 4:1 we read, "Therefore . . . walk worthy." In view of the great change which comes into the life of the believer, guides to a worthy walk are given. Briefly, the worthy walk issues in a manner of life that is consistent with the changes that have taken place. This consistent walk involves: *walking in love,* "as Christ also loved us" (5:2); *walking in light,* for "now are ye light in the Lord" (5:8).

As those who have the light of life, we are called upon to walk carefully and to work and war courageously because the days are evil and the time is short. The Word of God which is the lamp to our feet and the light for our pathway is also the tool for our work and the weapon for our warfare.

The Attitude of Carelessness

It may be well to remind ourselves that the Apostle is writing to the believers—"the called-out ones." We often hear among our people this popular statement: "We are saved by grace through faith *plus nothing*"—and this is a wonderful truth. But I am wondering if a great many fall back on this statement because that is exactly what they expect to do with their Christian life—"nothing!" Paul would not for one moment want us to believe that any good work or walk would save us from sin, but he does want us to be alert to the challenge of a consecrated Christian life. Is it not true that many of us have been asleep at the switch?

Sleep implies a state of security and inactivity. Some of us have become so "eternally secure" that we have become "temporally stupefied." This leads to a dead orthodoxy which can only produce powerless preaching in the pulpit and perilous paralysis in the pew. Death speaks of powerlessness and corruption, and we see it today in so many of our churches. How can we sleep? Paul's challenge is: "Awake thou that sleepest and arise from the dead." In the First Epistle of John we have this challenge: "He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked'" (I John 2:6).

The ultimate motive in all of our efforts must be to prove "what is acceptable unto the Lord" (Eph. 5: 10). So much of our effort is with a selfish motive. We desire to see the saints stirred and souls saved so that our church will have a good testimony, so that our pastor will have a good reputation, or in order that our own financial burdens may be lessened. These things do happen when the church is visited of the Lord in revival, but the ultimate motive for all our praying and striving must be the glory of our God and Saviour. It is as the songwriter has put it: "Hallelujah, Thine the glory, Revive us again." May this be our earnest prayer!

EDUCATION

The Search for Truth

By Rev. Charles R. Taber
Pastor, Community Grace Brethren Church, Warsaw, Indiana

History records many voyages, but perhaps none more momentous than two made many centuries apart and in widely separated parts of the world. One was made by Christopher Columbus, the intrepid discoverer of America. The other was made by Abraham, the father of all who believe. Both were voyages of discovery, but in one important way, they were totally different. Columbus sailed into the absolutely unknown; he discovered something he had not known existed, and when he found it, he did not understand or properly evaluate it. Abraham went out, not knowing either exactly where he was going, but knowing that he was going to a place designated and prepared by God, and knowing that he would recognize it when he saw it.

Education has been called a search for truth. True; but we must distinguish between two ways of looking at the quest. I shall call these the Columbus way and the Abraham way.

Those who adopt the Columbus way admit ignorance at the outset. They are only following their noses into the dark, hoping that when they arrive it will be light, and they will recognize what they are looking for. In this kind of search, men look for something (they do not know what), somewhere (they do not know where), for some reason (they do not know why). In fact, many of them affirm that there is no way of knowing beforehand if "it" is even there at all! This is the foundation of modern non-Christian education, this "courageous leap into the dark," this disinterested search for truth about which so much sheer drivel has been written. It is also the foundation of the pseudo-philosophical movement called agnosticism.

Christian education, which follows the Abraham way, is also a search. But here, while we do not know all that we shall find, nor the ways in which we shall find it, we do know that there is a worthwhile end, and that we shall find it: "I am the truth!" This does not destroy the search; rather it gives it meaning, and value, and urgency. We know what we are looking for, and we know that we shall recognize it when we find it.

It is after men have had their spiritual eyes opened, after they know what they are looking for, that they can be free to pursue the quest intelligently. Only God the Spirit can open men's eyes to ultimate reality.

This is the basis of Christian education: that God himself is the final Truth, the satisfying answer to all questions, the goal of the search.

Christian education is a search; but it is a search after the manner of Abraham, one in which the goal is foreseen and assured. As we study God's total revelation, we are looking for a greater knowledge of Him, for a greater appreciation of Him. Thus, education is, in a very real sense, an act of worship: the fear of the Lord is the beginning (the core, the essence) of both wisdom and knowledge (Prov. 1:7; 9:1). But it is also a process of growth in ourselves, and we are changed into the same image from glory to glory (II Cor. 3:18).

Thus Christian education, unlike non-Christian education (which sometimes makes a virtue of not having a goal) has a clearly defined goal: to *know* God, to *be* like God. Gone are the uncertainty, the relativism, the agnosticism.

This, it seems to me, is the basic argument for Christian schools. For how can a non-Christian school, building upon essentially agnostic foundations, ever lead anyone to a real understanding of truth? Certainly, it can discover facts. But, as the Preacher found out many years ago, a mere knowledge of facts upon this earthly plane is "vanity of vanities" (Eccles. 1:2). Only as God, the supreme and ultimate Reality, gives meaning and worth to all reality, can we say that we know anything about it. And only a Christian school can give this solid foundation to the educational process.

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Let's Talk SUNDAY SCHOOL

By Rev. Harold H. Etling
Director, National Sunday School Board



1 + 1 = 2

"Anyone knows that 1 plus 1 is 2, and you don't need an adding machine to work a problem like that" said David. But he is happy to show his brother Chuck that it does take an adding machine to total the more than 40,000 Sunday-school pupils in Brethren Sunday schools.

This is *big business . . . God's business.* When each one of these finds another one, we will have 80,000. This is our goal in the great Doubling in this Decade campaign of which we are a part.

Desire To Double

But before we begin to add, let's ask a question. Do we really want to double in this decade? I have often heard expressions, such as "It is not numbers that count, but quality," suggesting that the two are opposed. Or again, "I would rather have a good Sunday school than a large one," but such statements are tools of the Devil and make for a spirit of indifference. God's invitation is "Whosoever will may come"; and God's command is "Go into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled."

Every Sunday school must decide whether or not it really wants to double in this decade. Every pupil must determine if this is really his desire! Jesus said: "What things soever ye *desire,* when ye pray." This must become the inner drive. It is more than mere desire for a larger school or a larger class. It is a drive that comes because we remember the lost condition of men, the condition which brought Jesus to earth, and which drove Paul to suffer hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. It is the motive that led Livingstone to Africa and Carey to India, and should drive every Sunday-school scholar to see the lost. This is *why we must double in this decade.*

Double Effort

But desire alone is not sufficient. It must be turned to action. A doubling in this decade demands a doubling of effort. It can never be accomplished by one man, or by one Sunday school. It will take the combined effort of all 175 schools, their more than 4,000 teachers and officers, and every one of the 40,000 pupils. Jesus Christ wants to employ every Christian. He commanded us to bear fruit, much fruit, more fruit. The difference in Sunday schools is not so much the difference in methods, but in the use of methods. Failure to reach our goal will not come because of the methods, but in the halfhearted way we use them.

Double Persistence

1 plus 1 equals 2 is simple. It is just as simple to begin to serve the Lord! It will be easy to start to double in this decade. The test comes in persistence. Many seem to run well for God for a time, but soon slow down. This will hinder the church of Jesus Christ. It will limit the Holy God whom we serve. Let us seriously consider the cost of doubling in time, and energy, and money, and then having counted the cost, enter into the battle for souls. It is absolutely true that this battle means a personal sacrifice on the part of each one of us, for spiritual obedience is always costly.

We are living in an age that is looking for glamour and excitement. An effort to double our Sunday schools is not spectacular. It is not very exciting until we see a life transformed by the power of Jesus Christ!

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Let's show David and Chuck that we do need adding machines to keep the records of the new pupils in Brethren Sunday schools. *This is the Decade of Doubling.*



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The Relevancy of the Bible to the World Today

By Frank Crossley Morgan

There are those around us today who will contend with an attitude of infinite intellectual superiority that modern man has outgrown the Bible and that the Bible is entirely irrelevant to the problems of this modern age.

Never was the Bible more relevant than it is today. Never has the case for the Bible been as strong as it is today. When I say "the Bible" I do not mean merely the Sermon on the Mount. I mean the whole Bible, the Old Testament and the New Testament, taken as the unique revelation of God to man and of His purposes with regard to this old world.

Men need the Bible not only in their heads, but also in their hearts and in their wills. And when we do come to it, listen to it, let it talk to us, seek to live by it—what then does it teach us about these days in which we live? It teaches us that the great need of the hour is for the mighty Spirit of God: "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord!"

Not by organizing, not by plans, and multiplicity of programs and propositions, not by conferences and councils and conventions, but by the Spirit of God alone can men be convinced and convicted of their sins and brought back to God through the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ.

The call to us, then, is not so much to *organize* (the Apostle Paul would say, "God forbid!") as it is to *agonize*: to wait upon God, to plead with Him for our sad world, to ask God with the old Prophet Habakkuk to keep alive His works in the midst of the years and in tumult to remember mercy.

All of this must be within the frame of reference of the Bible as the supremely relevant thing. How shall I say it? I am inclined to put it into the words of the psalmist of old: "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."

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A little Brazilian boy paddles a boatload of shrimp traps. Fernandes is the son of a man who was very wicked. Now, says Missionary Bill Burk, the whole family is genuinely converted.

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MEN, MONEY and MISSIONS

By Rev. Tom Julien

When the Brethren Annual arrived at our home this week, I read with interest the Moderator's address and the various reports.

I noted especially that the total spending for foreign missions represented over three hundred thousand dollars, or less than a tenth of the total expenditure for the denomination.

Certainly this figure is exemplary if compared to the missionary giving of certain other church bodies. Yet, I could not help but consider that during the same year our Government spent some two-thirds of its budget for its "foreign missionary program."

Why does the United States spend 45 billion dollars a year on national defense? Because it realizes that it is being attacked by a ruthless enemy bent upon destroying its liberties. The church finds herself under the same threat. Instead of going forth as a conquering army to prevail against the gates of hell, she is desperately digging trenches, hoping not to lose the ground she has already gained.

But she *is* losing ground, slowly but certainly. And it seems that she has not yet come to grips with this fact, as has the Government, for she continues to spend the bulk of her men and money "for self" (as was aptly put in the statistical report), instead of for her worldwide task.

The supreme task of the church is the evangelization of the world. The church in the homeland can prosper only to the extent that it carries out God's plan. The Brethren Church has a part to play in the plan of God for the world, for He has committed certain areas of the world into our hands to plant the Gospel and to establish churches. But can we honestly say that we are succeeding? Not when the missionary finds himself constantly hampered by lack of resources. Not when our Brethren in Africa are nearly ready to panic because of lack of personnel. Not when some young people may be loath to present themselves as candidates, knowing that there might not be enough money to send them anyway.

I personally feel that God is going to fulfill His plan for the world, and that men everywhere will hear the Gospel. Yet, I also have the conviction that if the Gospel is not proclaimed by Brethren lips on our particular fields, it will be done by others. I feel that if we are not willing to pour our heart and soul, our men and money and prayers into the fields that God has given us, we might see ourselves being replaced by others who are perhaps more worthy than we.

In France we are compelled to team up with other missionaries and mission boards because we do not have enough helpers to do the work we feel we ought to do. Perhaps God is no longer calling other young men to come and help us, but if this is true, why do we see dozens of Mormons, Jehovah's Witnesses, Mohammedans, and even Buddhists coming to hinder us. Certainly we are more concerned about spreading our Gospel than they.

I personally feel that to accomplish what needs to be done will require more than a tithe of our church spending and a handful of volunteers. If our mission fields cannot be claimed for the Lord, they will be claimed by forces seeking to destroy us. Some people think that God is preserving America for one reason—so that she might continue to serve as a base for missionary forces the world over. But, "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do." We must not fail.



A part of the Corral de Bustos young people's group

What We Found in Corral de Bustos

By Rev. Robert Cover

We had a little time to think while we made the five hour train trip from Rio Cuarto to Corral de Bustos in Argentina. Our year of language study in Costa Rica was finished. We had landed safely in Buenos Aires, our baggage and outfit were finally through customs, we had visited most of the churches on the field, and now we were moving to our own place of work—Corral de Bustos. What would it be like? Would the people accept us? Would we get along in the language? Would anything be accomplished? We felt helpless, realizing the task ahead. We must get settled by ourselves, for the other missionaries could not take time from their already-too-full schedules to help us. They had already done much for us. Now we were on our own. We would have the opportunity to prove the success of the years of preparation.

But that was not the whole story. More important was the fact that we knew God had led us to Corral de Bustos to do His work. We were not going alone. "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" —these were no longer mere words learned as a Sunday-school memory verse; it was vital reality, and a wonderful assurance filled our hearts. We were where God wanted us.

Arriving in Corral we found a quiet, peaceful country town. We were recognized immediately by almost everyone, since it had been known that the new pastor of that evangelical church would be arriving. We found a clean, solid testimony left by the other missionaries and workers. The people of the church did all they could to make us feel at home. They wanted to help in correcting our Spanish, tell us how to raise our children, show us how the other pastor had done things before us, tell us which flowers in our patio we could use for ourselves and which ones should be for the church, and tell us how to teach a Sunday-school class. This was all part of becoming accustomed to a culture quite different from our own. Through it all we felt the genuine love these people have for the Lord, and this helped us appreciate these things rather than to be offended.

The church in Corral had been some eight months without a pastor. During this time missionaries and workers from other places were on hand at least every other Sunday, but the rest of the time the people had the full responsibility of the services and running the business of the church. This has proven to be extremely valuable. The believers now know that they can do things on their own. They learned something about doing the "impossible" with the help of the Holy Spirit. We feel that this experience is a very big step in the developing of a strong, sound national church.

Our Christmas program was a real victory for the believers along this line. It was about three weeks before Christmas, and we still had nothing to use for the program. Mail was slow because of a national train strike. We were too new in the language to attempt to write anything, not to mention the time it would take to do it. The entire church got concerned about it. Finally one of the believers, an older man, visited us to ask if he could write something. He had an idea taken from a gospel tract which he thought he could adapt for Christmas. We had our doubts. We were not impressed with the "literary prowess" of any of these people. But we did not want to discourage any indigenous attitude. We agreed that he should do what he could.

After spending two or three sleepless nights, this dear brother brought us his "drama" in three acts, called "The Christmas of My Salvation." Though maybe a bit rustic, it was a masterpiece. The cast included almost all of the young people. The author played one of the leading roles. The young people did the staging, built curtains that would open, and decorated the church. There were fifty present the night of the program. Proud parents watched as their children recited their pieces. The drama was presented which clearly presented the change that comes into a life which is given to the Lord. The believers took real interest and pride in it all. Their desire was to present the power of the Gospel and to bring glory to the name of the risen Saviour. The victory in this was that it was all done by the people them-

selves. It was a purely indigenous expression of their desire to love and serve the Lord. Certainly there are mistakes on the part of both missionary and people, but these seem sometimes necessary for growth. We praise the Lord for His goodness to us.

At the New Year's watch-night service, with thirty-one present, we gave opportunities for testimonies. The majority of these expressed gratitude to the Lord for His blessings during the year, particularly in regard to personal spiritual growth and an awakening to new responsibilities and opportunities in the work of the Lord. We take this as another of God's ways of "building the church." We are grateful to have a part in it.

Now our job is bigger than ever. The believers are talking about cleaning and caring for the church yard, developing the literature ministry of the church, building a parsonage, setting up a loudspeaker on the church, practicing for a church choir, painting the outside of the church, taking gospel teams into the neighboring towns, building more onto the church, learning to teach Sunday-school classes, and digging a well on the church lot. Some of these are already underway. Others are still in the dream stage. The future for God's people here is as bright as His promises. We need wisdom, patience, strength, vision, and—your prayers!



The church at Corral de Bustos

Into His Hand

BY REV. ULYSSES L. GINGRICH

Member, Grace Brethren Church, York, Pennsylvania

If I could place into a living Hand
My offering,
Instead of casting it into a plate
Inanimate;

And if I laid my little gift into
That nail-pierced Hand
So marred (because of love for me)
On Calvary,

How could I grudgingly complain because
I gave too much;
Or dare present to One who gave His all
A gift so small?

How could I put into His precious Hand
So shamelessly
The stinted bit; a paltry coin or two—
Mere residue?

Nay, I would have Him look upon my gift
Approvingly,
Just as He gazed upon the widow's mite
With pure delight;

And I would see the Hand that has received
My sacrifice,
Transforming into treasures up above
My gift of love.

Lord, help me see Thy Hand when e'er I give
My offering,
Instead of seeing just a passing plate
Inanimate.

Why a James Gribble Memorial High School?

By Jean-Louis Steudler

(Editor's note: This is the third and final article by Brother Steudler, superintendent of our French schools in Africa, on the subject of this high school. Dr. Jobson has translated the article into English, and has summarized and supplemented in the article which follows.)

Is it simply an institution to commemorate the memory of the one through whose example thousands of Africans have passed from death unto life?

Since the arrival of James Gribble in Africa, this country has seen profound and far-reaching changes. One of the most surprising is that at the very moment of decolonization, when the Africans want to be free from all that is European, the schools teaching in the language of the colonizing power are developing more and more. The French language is assuming an ever-increasing role. Ten years ago only 10 percent of the children of school age attended school, while in 1961 over 40 percent were enrolled. Every year 150 new classes are opened. Of the 150, over half are public schools and the others are private—most of these Catholic parochial schools. Protestants are far behind in church day schools. Up to this time the Brethren churches have only eight classes in primary schools. Thanks to the excellent results of the normal school in the June examinations, we were able to open ten new classes this past fall and have more than 1,000 children in school.

There are two types of people among the Africans, and they rarely have much in common. There is the minority which has a knowledge of French culture, whom we call the *evolues*, and the great mass which is uneducated in French. Of course, the *evolues* represent only a very small proportion of the population; yet, it is this minority that controls the country and holds the places of authority while the great mass follows these leaders for good or for bad.

It is certainly true that up until now Protestant missions in Africa have neglected this important minority in their zeal to reach the masses. Notwithstanding, the most urgent and important need of the hour is to train Christian leaders, men taught in the faith and rooted and grounded in Jesus Christ, who will seek to lead their country in the ways of justice and truth. If these leaders are Mohammedan or Communist, the entire country will follow an evolution favorable to Mohammedanism or Marxism. There are already ample proofs of this in several of the new republics.

Actually, the president of the Central African Republic and almost all of his cabinet went to parochial schools. But now the Lord must have His own among the religious and administrative leaders of the country. This ministry of training them has been committed unto us.

There is no time to lose. The high school was opened in October 1960, and after one year of its existence we were able to say that this baby was doing well and gave every indication that it will have a prosperous future.

Introducing the Brethren High School in Africa

By Dr. Orville D. Jobson

Name: James Gribble Memorial High School

As all of the older members of The Brethren Church know, and some of the younger ones too, James Gribble with his wife, Florence, were founders of the Brethren Mission in Central Africa. They sailed from New Orleans in 1918, and opened the first station at Bassai in 1921 in what was then the French territory of Oubangui-Chari, but which has now become the Central African Republic. It is altogether fitting that the Mission and the African churches commemorate the memory of this faithful servant of Christ by naming this institution the "James Gribble Memorial High School." In Africa it is known as the "College Jacques Gribble."

Objective: Education for the Glory of God

The purpose of the school is to give a Christ-centered academic instruction to Brethren young people in Africa. This lays the foundation for further training in the school of theology, normal, medical, and dental schools (all operated by the Mission and African churches) as the Lord may lead each one of the students.

Location: Yaloke, Central African Republic

Yaloke is the second station opened by the Africa Mission. It is 135 miles northwest of Bangui, the capital city of the republic, and connected with it by a good gravel road maintained by mechanized road units. Yaloke is in the heart of a land of rolling hills with an altitude of 2,500 feet, abounding in fresh water springs, and possessing tropical fruit in abundance.

Enrollment

The high school was opened in 1960 with a beginning class of twenty-five from the Brethren churches of the republic. This class met in very temporary quarters looking forward to a permanent classroom. However, the entering class in 1961, together



Hundreds of boys and girls in the elementary classes look forward to attending high school. Will they have this privilege? All depends on your gifts to provide adequate classrooms. Pictures from the Brethren school at Bangui—left: kindergarten; center: first and second grades; right: third and fourth grades.

with the class of 1960, still meet in temporary quarters.

Administration

The school is provided by the Brethren churches in America for the Brethren churches in Africa, and is under the watchful care of the Africa Mission. The active administration, however, is in the hands of a board of eight African pastors, elected by the National Fellowship of African Brethren Churches.

Direction and Faculty

This is assured by special-term educational missionaries from fundamental evangelical groups in French Switzerland. These devoted teachers are fully qualified educationally and spiritually for the leadership of, and the teaching in, this school. Besides their academic training all of them have attended a fundamental Bible institute in Geneva. Miss Evelyn Schumacher joined the faculty in October 1961 after studying two years in France.

Building

The immediate need is a building with adequate space for classrooms both for the high school and normal course, a library, a chapel, and an office. Such a building has been projected, complete with building plans and an architect's drawing. This project was presented by the Mission in Africa and approved by the board of trustees here in the States. There are approximately 6,600 square feet which will provide sufficient room for all the needs. The total cost projected is approximately $25,000. The board has approved soliciting $10,000 to begin construction this year, hoping the Central African government will provide the balance needed. The board also desires that contributions for this project be given over and above the regular foreign-mission offerings. Several churches have already made very substantial contributions, and together with individual gifts there is at present a little over $2,500 received in cash.

Urgency

With the coming of independence to this African territory, Brethren churches have entered a new era. French has been adopted as the official language, and the youth of the land is demanding an education in French. Fifty percent of the population is under thirty years of age. Adequate schooling for all presents a formidable problem for the young republic. There are not enough schools to accommodate all of the children of school age, nor to give a high-school education to the increasing number of promising teen-agers.

We are committed to complete the work which James Gribble founded for The Brethren Church in Africa. Certainly, the capstone of that work is a spiritual and well-trained leadership in the official language of the country. The high school will complete the academic Christ-centered education needed for young men and women looking forward to witnessing for the Lord Jesus in the many avenues of service open to them in an expanding church and a developing republic.

The King's business requireth haste. It is imperative that a chapel and four classrooms be completed for the school opening in October 1962. We are looking to the Lord in faith believing that He will provide. Mr. Balzer, the faithful mission builder, is ready to do the building. What will you do? The African churches are counting on you for this help. The construction of such a school is beyond their reach.

Send your gifts and contributions, either as individuals or churches, to The Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church, P. O. Box 588, Winona Lake, Indiana.

PRAYER: Join in praying for the following:

1. That the entire $25,000 shall be available when needed.
2. That the need of an additional qualified teacher be met by October 1962.
3. That strength and health be granted the present faculty.
4. That the students shall consecrate their lives to serve the Lord Jesus.
5. That God and His Word may be continually honored at the *James Gribble Memorial High School.*

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York, Pa.	
Northern Atlantic	

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Hollins, Va.	543.52
Johnson City, Tenn.	165.00
Limestone, Tenn.	241.20
Pompano Beach, Fla.	166.18
Radford, Va.	484.38
Roanoke, Va. (Clearbrook)	359.00
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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA DISTRICT

Anaheim, Calif.	743.70
Artesia, Calif.	177.73
Beaumont, Calif.	2,704.20
Bell, Calif.	207.50
Bellflower, Calif.	2,013.88
Compton, Calif.	1,028.58
Fallbrook, Calif.	900.00
Fillmore, Calif.	628.98
Gardena, Calif.	247.74
Glendale, Calif.	620.50
Inglewood, Calif.	5,416.66
La Habra, Calif.	291.40
La Verne, Calif.	1,738.50
Long Beach, Calif. (First)	21,323.84
Long Beach, Calif. (Los Altos)	1,909.00
Long Beach, Calif. (North)	13,432.98
Los Angeles, Calif. (Community)	1,456.55
Montclair, Calif.	471.74
Norwalk, Calif.	5,592.38
Paramount, Calif.	1,260.18
Phoenix, Ariz.	2,404.35
Rialto, Calif.	465.33
Riverside, Calif.	100.00
San Bernardino, Calif.	588.18
San Diego, Calif.	246.96
Seal Beach, Calif.	1,602.59
South Gate, Calif.	983.23
South Pasadena, Calif.	2,067.01
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Tucson, Ariz.	10.00
West Covina, Calif.	1.00
Westminster, Calif.	348.50
Whittier, Calif. (Community)	8,693.50
Whittier, Calif. (First)	6,419.73
Brethren Schools, Long Beach, Calif.	128.03
Southern California-Arizona District, Misc.	169.16
	86,613.02

SOUTHERN OHIO DISTRICT

Camden, Ohio	153.09
Clayhole, Ky.	188.14
Clayton, Ohio	3,800.98
Covington, Ohio	31.00
Dayton, Ohio (First)	5,684.69
Dayton, Ohio (Grace)	342.42
Dayton, Ohio (North Riverdale)	6,763.16
Dayton, Ohio (Patterson Park)	680.75
Dryhill, Ky.	75.00
Englewood, Ohio	1,767.37
Kettering, Ohio	477.22
Trotwood, Ohio	970.77
Troy, Ohio	1,002.93
Vandalia, Ohio	1,021.50
West Alexandria, Ohio	60.51
Southern Ohio District, Misc.	127.58
	23,147.11

MISCELLANEOUS

Brethren Youth Council	186.74
Hawaii	817.46
National Laymen	219.83
National Miscellaneous	5,356.47
National SMM	1,631.00
National WMC	11,040.96
North English, Iowa (Calvary)	1,111.35
Puerto Rico	132.35
	20,496.16

TOTAL GIFTS TO FMS .. **346,780.89**

CHURCH GIFTS EXCEEDING $3,000

1. Mansfield, Ohio (Grace)	$25,888.07
2. Long Beach, Calif. (First)	21,323.84
3. Long Beach, Calif. (North)	13,432.98
4. Wooster, Ohio	8,924.15
5. Whittier, Calif. (Community)	8,693.50
6. Winona Lake, Ind.	7,964.87
7. Philadelphia, Pa. (First)	7,668.32
8. Ashland, Ohio	7,337.26
9. Dayton, Ohio (North Riverdale)	6,763.16
10. Whittier, Calif. (First)	6,419.73
11. Dayton, Ohio (First)	5,684.69
12. Norwalk, Calif.	5,592.38
13. Inglewood, Calif.	5,416.66
14. Johnstown, Pa. (First)	5,350.15
15. Sunnyside, Wash.	5,150.97
16. Fort Wayne, Ind. (First)	5,104.00
17. Osceola, Ind.	5,016.98
18. Waynesboro, Pa.	4,775.73
19. Waterloo, Iowa	4,608.51
20. Middlebranch, Ohio	4,424.10
21. Modesto, Calif. (La Loma)	4,314.34
22. Philadelphia, Pa. (Third)	4,132.32
23. Washington, D. C.	4,131.48
24. Rittman, Ohio	3,993.53
25. Clayton, Ohio	3,800.98
26. Kittanning, Pa. (First)	3,381.01
27. Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	3,136.96

INCREASE

The Key Word for 1962

in

BRETHREN FOREIGN MISSIONS

- In trust in Jesus Christ, the Son of God
- In prayer, and waiting upon the Lord
- In our personal, sacrificial giving to Brethren Foreign Missions
- In the number of people supporting Brethren Foreign Missions
- In the giving of every local congregation
- In the number of missionaries serving in foreign lands
- In the number of believers in foreign lands
- In the number of trained national workers

At least $365,000 will be needed to care for our work during 1962. This is a 5 to 10 percent increase. This **is possible**—and it is probable—if all who read this page will ask the Lord to direct them in giving, and then do as He directs.

THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

Clyde K. Landrum, Director Box 588—Winona Lake, Ind.

MK'S IN FRANCE



Here's a birthday party in Grenoble, France, when Becky Julien celebrated her fifth birthday with some of her friends. In spite of the fact that the guests thought the coconut on the cake was shredded paper, they all had a good time. One of the highlights for Becky was opening the birthday cards sent by many WMC groups. Terry, her brother, is in the right foreground.

KNOWING YOUR MISSIONARIES—



Rev. and Mrs. Tom Julien left the United States in October 1958 to become our second missionary couple in France. They first went to Switzerland and studied French at the university until they could get their permits to live in France. A year later they were able to move to Grenoble, France, where they now live. They have two children, Becky and Terry.



This photo was taken of Becky and Terry Julien in the city park in Lyon where they happened to meet a friend! But no one was near enough to hear what they talked about!

MARY MISSIONARY—

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THE BIG NEWS

MEMBER EPA EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION

FREDERICKSBURG, VA. A new Brethren Bible class is being started in the Fredericksburg area with the hope of organizing a Brethren church in the future. Anyone living in this general area interested in helping to establish a Brethren testimony here, please contact either Mrs. O. H. Hill, 606 Marumaco Dr., Woodbridge, Va.; or Mrs. E. G. Ramsey, 113 Beauregard St., Fredericksburg, Va.

KOKOMO, IND. The Indian Heights Grace Brethren Church has extended a pastoral call to Rev. Robert Burns who is presently pastor of the First Brethren Church, Barberton, Ohio. Mr. Burns has accepted the call.

FORT WAYNE, IND. The Indiana District Brethren Youth Rally will be held Feb. 9-10 in the First Brethren Church. Mark Malles will be host pastor.

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA. A. Harold Arrington, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church here, reports the Lord's blessing during 1961. There were 40 confessions of faith in Christ as Saviour, and many others rededicated their lives and are giving evidence of spiritual life and development. Plans are being made for enlarging the present church building to accommodate the growing congregation.

IDYLLWILD, CALIF. A Christian Endeavor winter conference will be held at Tahquitz Pines Camp near here Jan. 19-20. Wendell Kent, pastor of the Cherry Valley Brethren Church of Beaumont, will conduct a class on witnessing at the conference.

WOOSTER, OHIO. The First Brethren Church has extended a call to James Custer, student of Grace Seminary, to serve with the pastor during the coming summer-vacation period. Kenneth Ashman is pastor.

SEATTLE, WASH. Bill Eakin, Youth for Christ International Bible Club director, spoke at the morning worship service at the View Ridge Brethren Church, Jan. 21, as a special feature of youth month. Phillip Simmons, pastor.

LA VERNE, CALIF. Miss Yoshika Taguchi, a Japanese girl who miraculously escaped the atomic bomb at Hiroshima, was interviewed at the First Brethren Church on Sunday evening, Jan. 14. Elias White, pastor.

LA HABRA, CALIF. Groundbreaking ceremonies were conducted for the new La Habra Brethren Church, Dec. 31.

WASHINGTON, D. C. Evangelist Bill Smith was the guest speaker at the First Brethren Church for the New Year's eve service. James Dixon is pastor.

WINONA LAKE, IND. The Spiritual contest program of the National Youth Council has changed its name to the National Achievement Competition. Dave Hocking is Youth director.

LONG BEACH, CALIF. The Brethren Elementary School moved into its new building at Alondra and Orange on Jan. 4. Parent visitation week was observed Jan. 16 through 19.

HARRAH, WASH. The Harrah Brethren college-age class recently held their annual winter retreat. Miss JoAnn Culver was the special speaker. She is with Campus Crusade for Christ at the Oklahoma State University. Carl Miller, pastor.

BELLFLOWER, CALIF. Raymond Thompson has been called to serve another year as pastor of the First Brethren Church. He was given an increase in salary.

GOSHEN, IND. Dr. R. Paul Miller, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church underwent surgery at the Bluffton (Ind.) Clinic on his birthday, Dec. 29. He recuperated at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Russell Wilkin, of Bluffton.

SAN JOSE, CALIF. Lyle Marvin, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church reports that the blessings of the Lord are continuing among them since the evangelistic meetings with Rev. Bob Collitt. On Jan. 14 previous records were broken, Sunday-school attendance, 100; the morning worship service, 93; midweek service, 36.

DAYTON, OHIO. The Patterson Park Brethren Church, Nate Casement, pastor, is planning to have new pews installed by March first.

JACKSON, MICH. Rev. Gilbert Hawkins reports an attendance of 39 in the morning service, and 25 in the evening service, Jan. 21, in the new Bible class.

ENDS EARTHLY PILGRIMAGE

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

SCOFIELD, Glen, a true man of God and a faithful member of the First Brethren Church, Compton, Calif. went to be with the Lord. The funeral service was conducted Nov. 4 by his former pastor, Evangelist Bill Smith.

KIDDER, Mrs. A. B. (Mabel), a faithful member of the First Brethren Church, Canton, Ohio, went to be with the Lord Dec. 10, 1961. She had been a member of this church for 35 years, and had served as deaconess, Bible school teacher, and church financial secretary. Funeral services were conducted by the pastor, John R. Dilling.

COLE, Mrs. Ruth E., a faithful member of the First Brethren Church of Long Beach, Calif., went to her heavenly home Dec. 26. She was visiting her daughter, Mrs. Geraldine Smith, of San Diego, at the time. She and her husband united with the First Brethren Church in 1914. Her husband preceded her in death in 1933. He was a victim of the earthquake there at that time.

—C. W. Mayes, pastor

RIKE, Effie, 79, a faithful charter member of the Grace Brethren Church, Englewood, Ohio, went to be with the Lord Jan. 4. She had finished her task here on earth.

—Lon Karns, pastor

This Is NOT *Your Life!*

By Rev. Earle E. Peer

Pastor, Grace Brethren Church
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Young people (oldsters too), you have just one life to live—live it for God! In the days of youth give your life to the Lord. "Only one life, 'twill soon be past, only what's done for Christ will last." Just a motto? No! much more than that. Many verses of Scripture might be pointed out to substantiate this truth; one will suffice. "And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever."

Young people, sometimes Christian young people, are quick to accept the philosophy of the world—"My life is my own to live as I please." That sounds like pretty good reasoning until we remember that Christian young people are to be different. If you have sincerely embraced the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour, this life is not your own; it is His! "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit which are God's." When you named Jesus as Lord you should have relinquished all claims and rights to your life. Now, you cannot do as you please; you are obligated to do as He pleases. This is your life, but since it also belongs to the Lord, this is *not* your life. You can do with your life only that which is acceptable in the sight of God. May I encourage you to live your life for Christ.

A question of prime importance to Christian young people is: "What shall I do with my life?" I realize the significance of this and I am fully aware of the seriousness of this question with which every young person sooner or later comes to grips. Having faced the same problem, may I kindly suggest that the most reasonable, the most logical solution, and that which will bring you the most joy and blessing is to present your life to the Lord Jesus Christ. But you reply: "I don't want to be a preacher or a missionary!" Do not misunderstand the meaning of dedication of life and thus miss the blessing. Presenting your life to the Lord may never mean the ministry or the mission field. It might be a step in that direction if God should later call you into His service. It's a tragic mistake, indeed, to enter the ministry not having been called by God.

Let me turn your attention to what is probably the classic passage in the Bible on the dedication of life. "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God." The Apostle declares that presenting one's life to God is the rational and logical thing to do. God never requires that which is unreasonable from anyone.

Just what is the Biblical meaning of dedication of life to God? First, I believe that dedication of life involves a presentation of your body to the Lord. God wants you in your body; He cannot use you apart from that body. You say: "If I give God my body that is all of me that I have!" Exactly, and that is what God desires. A slave's body belongs to his master. Should not the same be true of a servant of Jesus Christ? God might have demanded this of you and me, that would have been law. But, instead in grace, He pleads with us to do the reasonable thing and present our bodies a living sacrifice.

Second, a dedication of life to the Lord means that you will be a living sacrifice, meaning what? Your feet are to be the Lord's feet, your hands are to be the Lord's hands, your mouth is to be the Lord's mouth, your eyes are to be the Lord's eyes, your talents are to be the Lord's talents, your life is to be the Lord's life. People often have the wrong notion concerning the dedication of life. Christians will do everything but the one thing necessary. We will organize, promote, perspire, elect, and be elected, and still fail. The blessing of God does not necessarily fall upon our organizations and machinery, but the blessing of God does fall upon living sacrifices, upon the lives of Christians dedicated unto Him.

Third, dedication of your life will result in a transformed life. Paul first suggests the negative aspect, ". . . be not conformed." It takes real courage and spiritual stamina to be different from the world. The world sets the pattern and "everybody is doing it," even many Christians. Dedication is a process of being not conformed. However, there is even a greater motive for dedication of life than the negative one, though it is important. The most compelling is the positive aspect, ". . . but be ye transformed." This change or metamorphosis results in a beautiful life from that which was unlovely. As a boy I remember going to the circus and seeing a girl ride two galloping horses around the ring. You'll never see anyone riding two horses while the horses are running in opposite directions. The world is going one direction; Christ another, and you can't go both ways. This is *not* your life; it is HIS!

WAYS OF DEATH

PROVERBS 14:12

BY REV. GLEN WELBORN

Pastor, Leon Brethren Church
Leon, Iowa

Early in my ministry I came across this following statement and copied it into a notebook: "Men, I'd rather go to hell on my own two feet than to go to heaven on the back of another." This was declared by a theological professor of a certain university to a graduating class.

Here is a brave professor! This is a real he-man's man. And, no doubt, to those young aspiring intellectual giants such a statement was met with enthusiastic acclaim.

Poor deluded souls! Jesus said: "Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch" (Matt. 15:14). In simple words: "Pay no attention to such professors. They will lead you into hell. They are spiritually blind and cannot see the right way."

Unless this professor repented and accepted Jesus Christ, he is on his way to hell. Maybe he is already there by now. If he is, he knows a whole lot more now than he did when he was a professor here on earth. And maybe some of that graduating class have followed him there and are cursing their blind leader.

"There is a way which seemeth right unto a man; but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Prov. 14:12). To this spiritually blind professor it seemed right that he should be allowed to go to heaven on his own merits. He felt he was good enough in himself to gain eternal life. But in case he wasn't, he would still rather go to hell with his merits than to depend on someone else to get to heaven.

This is a rebellious blast at the very heart of the Gospel. The Gospel by which we are saved is clearly defined by the Apostle Paul: "Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures" (I Cor. 15:1-4). "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23). "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Rom. 6:23).

But this professor and his followers are not the only ones who are going to hell on a way that "seemeth right unto a man." It is certain that followers of apostate leaders in present-day modernism will follow them into perdition. It is certain that followers of the scores of cults and isms of our day will join that deluded crowd into the flames of eternal torment. They all follow a way that seems right unto them: "But the end thereof are the ways of death."

Let's come closer to home. Our church is not a cult or ism. Our church is not an apostate church in the sense that we deny the fundamental doctrines of the Christian faith as set forth in the Word of God. However, all members of The Brethren Church will not be in heaven. This is not an easy statement. Would to God it were not true.

There are members who have been born into Christian families. They have been raised in fundamental Sunday schools and churches. They have publicly professed faith in Jesus Christ. They have been baptized and accepted into church membership. *But all of this put together never saved one solitary soul!* Combined, or any part of the above experiences, has to many become a way "that seemeth right unto a man." Good as they are, these are "the ways of death" to many.

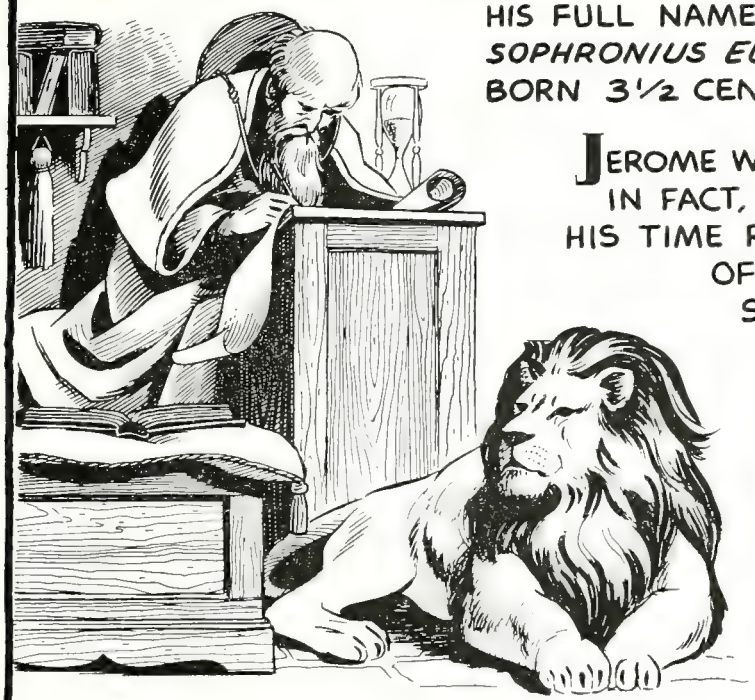
In fundamental churches we become used to hearing sound doctrine. We have learned to say we have been born again. We give a quick mental assent to what we have heard over and over again. Satan is so clever that he can deceive a person into thinking that an intellectual acceptance of fundamental truth and the outward profession of that faith is a way into heaven. And he is making it work. He has made it "a way which seemeth right unto a man." For such deluded souls hell is just as certain as it is for the professor who chose to go there on his own two feet.

Dear reader, if such is your case, make haste and turn in true faith to Jesus Christ and His work He did for you when He died for you, and was buried and rose again according to the Scriptures. Turn away from all self and external merits for salvation. Jesus Christ alone is the Saviour. You must possess Him. You must be joined to Him. "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God" (John 1:12). "He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life" (I John 5:12).

It is not enough to accept His teaching. You must receive Him! It is not enough to have membership in the correct church and have proper baptism. You must have the Son of God living in your heart by faith. Have you received Him? Be honest. Dishonesty at this point will bring eternal damnation upon you. If in doubt, drop to your knees and call upon the Lord Jesus Christ to save you *now*. "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Rom. 10:13).

Along the Bible Way

Jerome the Hermit — TRANSLATOR OF THE SCRIPTURES



HIS FULL NAME:
SOPHRONIUS EUSEBIUS HIERONYMUS
BORN 3½ CENTURIES AFTER CHRIST

JEROME WAS A LOVER OF BOOKS. IN FACT, HE SPENT SO MUCH OF HIS TIME READING THE LITERATURE OF HIS DAY THAT HE CONSIDERED IT SINFUL. HE RESOLVED TO DEVOTE HIS LIFE TO STUDYING THE SCRIPTURES.

HE WENT TO LIVE WITH SOME HERMITS IN THE SYRIAN DESERT FOR SIX LONG YEARS, WHERE HE COLLECTED MANUSCRIPTS AND STUDIED HEBREW.

ACCORDING TO LEGEND, JEROME ONCE FOUND A WOUNDED LION AND NURSED IT BACK TO HEALTH. THE ANIMAL BECAME A PET AND GUARDED ITS MASTER AT WORK ON HIS MANUSCRIPTS.

JEROME WAS CALLED TO PALESTINE WHERE HE WORKED FOR 25 YEARS TRANSLATING THE ENTIRE BIBLE INTO LATIN -- THE COMMON LANGUAGE OF HIS DAY.

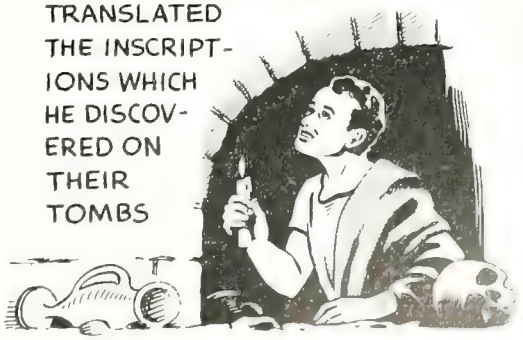
JEROME'S BIBLE WAS CALLED THE VULGATE

IT IS STILL THE OFFICIAL BIBLE OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH.

HUBARTT

AN UNUSUAL HOBBY LED JEROME TO A DECISION FOR CHRIST.

EACH SUNDAY, HE SEARCHED IN THE CATACOMBS BENEATH THE CITY OF ROME FOR GRAVES OF CHRISTIAN MARTYRS, AND TRANSLATED THE INSCRIPTIONS WHICH HE DISCOVERED ON THEIR TOMBS



BRETHREN DAY OF PRAYER—FEBRUARY 15

Praise and Prayer

FOREIGN MISSIONS

PRAY for the Fogles and Juliens as they make plans for a series of special meetings to be held in Lyon, France, at Easter time.

PRAISE the Lord for His blessing and care of Brother C. B. Sheldon during recent surgery. Pray for his complete recovery, that they might return to Africa.

PRAY for God's continued guidance of the work in Puerto Rico, and pray for the missionaries as they seek to learn and understand Spanish.

PRAY for safe travel for the missionaries and staff members who will be visiting in the churches during the next few months.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRAY that every member will have a burden for the doubling in a decade effort. This must be a heart burden.

PRAY that the Sunday schools will make real effort to conserve every person added to our rolls.

PRAY for the coming Loyalty Campaign immediately following Easter.

PRAY for continued financial support of the National Sunday School Board.

HOME MISSIONS

PRAY for the Lord to grant wisdom to Grand Rapids, Michigan; Lancaster, Pennsylvania; Galion, Ohio as these three churches are in the process of securing a church location.

PRAISE God for the support given to the Brethren Navajo Mission program and pray for the use of the 1962 Navajo calendars to help fully meet the 1962 budget.

PRAY for the Hagerstown (Md.) Gay Street Brethren Church and Davenport (Iowa) Grace Brethren Church as they plan dedications of new buildings soon.

PRAY that a number of Jewish people who have accepted Christ as their Messiah might be led to follow this with baptism.

PRAY for Dr. L. L. Grubb in setting up the Western division office of the Brethren Home Missions Council and for all the details.

EVANGELISM

PRAY definitely for a great visitation of God's saving grace during the five campaigns that Bob Collitt is conducting on the Pacific Coast.

PRAY for safe journeys for him as he travels all year long.

PRAY for an offering on Evangelism Sunday in February that will enable us to add more evangelists to our number.

GRACE SEMINARY, COLLEGE

PRAY for the students who have entered upon their last semester in the college and seminary that God's will for their future may be made clear.

PRAY for the Annual Missionary Conference to be held March 26-30 that it may make a definite spiritual impact upon the student body.

PRAY for the new dormitory so sorely needed for the college; that funds may be invested in the Brethren Investment Foundation for this project.

PRAY that the spiritual atmosphere upon the campus may be kept warm and vital.

YOUTH

PRAY for the meetings of the Youth Evangelism Team each weekend; for a genuine spirit of dedication to sweep our young people.

PRAY for a Bible study that is just being started in Columbia University by one of our Brethren college students.

PRAY for *Youth Week* for 1962 which comes to our churches January 28 through February 4.

PRAY for financial needs to be met, especially in sending our winning quiz team at National Youth Conference to Puerto Rico this Easter vacation.

SMM

PRAY for the national SMM officers as they meet for this midyear board meeting.

PRAY that each SMM will give to all major offerings so that all goals will be met.

WMC

PRAY that more women in the churches realize the great importance of WMC and the blessings we receive in being able to work for our Lord and Saviour.

PRAY for a spiritual awakening among the members of The Brethren Church.

PRAY that we may see more conversions and rededicated lives.

LAYMEN

PRAY for God's blessings upon our laymen as they plan for Evangelism Sunday this month.

PRAY that many unsaved shall be reached with the gospel message on Evangelism Sunday.

PRAY that the Laymen may surpass their goal of $3,500 for the Board of Evangelism.

MISSIONARY HERALD

PRAISE the Lord for His continuous supply of grace for the staff at the Missionary Herald Company.

PRAY for the Lord's guidance and blessing upon the March 31 special color issue of the Missionary Herald which will be entirely devoted to prophetic messages.

PRAY for the writers of Missionary Herald articles and Sunday-school quarterly lessons that they may provide Spirit-blessed reading for our brotherhood.

BRETHREN MISSIONARY HERALD

FEBRUARY 10, 1962



Catholicism Is Becoming Popular

America, a national Catholic magazine published by the Jesuits, said in an editorial that President Kennedy "has bent over backwards" to show he will do Catholics no special favors. The editorial also noted that Catholics in general are "not troubled by the fact that the first Catholic President finds it expedient to walk so softly on so many fragile Protestant eggs."

As the first Catholic to become President, the editorial commented, Mr. Kennedy "was, is, and will remain a marked man." It said the President "cannot be expected to make excessively friendly gestures" toward church officials and that he has "hewed carefully" to his line. "He rarely finds himself in positions in which he might have to be photographed with Cardinals or other church dignitaries." *America* continued to say: "It is significant . . . that there were no photographers present for the relatively little-publicized visit of the Cardinal Secretary of State, Amleto Cardinal Cicognani, to the White House early in December. Every published photograph of that brief meeting would have cost Mr. Kennedy 10,000 votes in the Bible Belt. But photographs of the President with Protestant spokesmen like Billy Graham, on the other hand, are pure fourteen-carat gold."

These pointed observations from a Catholic magazine should shock us into doing some careful thinking. Who do you suppose that Protestant America names as the man they admire most in the world today? A Gallup Poll shows that President Kennedy has replaced President Eisenhower in the position he held nine years in a row. Eisenhower this year is in second place. Among the top ten are Dr. Billy Graham and Pope John XXIII.

Will Protestants eventually unite with the Roman Catholic Church? It is inevitable! Pope John XXIII on Christmas day issued a papal bull announcing a hopeful "step toward Christian unity," and a World Council of Churches spokesman told a press conference in New York City that the council is trying to improve relations with the Catholic Church. The Bible reveals that this venture will eventually be successful, and apostate Christendom will finally be headed up by the Papacy.

These ominous shadows of coming events should excite us to a renewed dedication to evangelize the lost before our Lord comes!—R.E.G.

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Pictured on our cover this week are the Paul Revere Statue and the Old North Church at Boston, Massachusetts.

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Devotional Theme for February—

CHRIST'S LOVE FOR US, *and Ours for Him*

By Mrs. Herman Koontz
York, Pennsylvania

Among the days of February which honor great men there has been tucked one devoted to romantic love. The lacy valentines fly back and forth with the same sentiments as always; yet there is a tarnish on their bloom because of the over-emphasis of the physical aspects of love. Even the moon, so long related to romance, has been shorn of its charms by the space scientist. But no matter how much romantic love may be degraded by the present era, it will still be glorified to the Christian by the use which the Lord Jesus Christ made of it as a figure of His relationship to His church—that of the *Bridegroom* and the *bride*.

Christ's use of this figure shows that a love affair should be progressing daily between Christ and the Christian. With the help of the Word of God let us test the genuineness of this relationship.

A story appeared some time ago in the *Sunday School Times* of a man who once received a large ruby as a bequest. To his untrained eye the jewel seemed to glow with a fire that must proclaim it as genuine. Yet he was obsessed with the idea that it might be only a clever imitation. His friends urged him to take the gem to a jeweler who would soon tell him its true worth. This he refused to do for a long time, afraid of an unfavorable decision. Finally he was persuaded and heard with great joy the decision that the ruby was indeed genuine and worth a large sum of money. As the jeweler tested the ruby, let us apply the tests of the Word of God to the principle in this union.

It is evident at once that it is unnecessary to test the part of the Lord Jesus Christ in this relationship. His death for the Christian, His watch-care day by day, His promise of a home in heaven and rewards for service done on earth, and His chastening when needed all point to His perfection. The Christian finds Him altogether lovely in every point, always accessible, always the same. As a Bridegroom He is more than worthy of our love and devotion.

The other principle in this love affair is how will the Christian stand as the tests are applied? Will flaws be found in the born-again lover of the Lord Jesus Christ?

The first test is found in John 14:15: "If ye love me, keep my commandments." Christ died for us—are we willing to live for Him? Are we finding daily that His desire for our lives is our desire? We find His commandments in His Word. When we read with obedient hearts, the Holy Spirit impresses upon us that we should walk in the light of His Word. Do we find ourselves impatient with His orders and more interested in our own concerns than in His? If this is true, there is a flaw in our relationship with Him.

Another test is found in I John 2:15: "Love not the world." The word "world" here means the present order and arrangement of this world system. It is composed of that which is religious and pleasant to the senses, as well as that which is repulsive and openly evil, and is in all points Christless and godless. If traces of love for it are lingering in our hearts, we are hurting our Bridegroom.

A very probing test is that of I John 3:9: "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit [practice] sin." Are we failing to recognize and confess sin in our lives? Then we are not fulfilling our part as members of the bride of Christ. There should be growth in our lives toward that which Christ expects of us though we do stumble and fall at times in the process. Here, as everywhere, the Heavenly Bridegroom can give us victory.

There are other tests that should be mentioned, including I John 3: 16 which says: "We ought to lay down our lives for the brethren"; and I John 5:21 which tells us: "Little children, keep yourselves from idols"; but these are sufficient to show that flaws do lurk in the lives of Christians. These tests are not designed to discourage, but rather to be guideposts to a more faithful life for Him who loves us so much. As we who are in the WMC continue "Looking Unto Jesus," may we grow more like Him and more pleasing to Him.

This is the second of a series on the Christian woman

The Christian Woman as

A TEACHER OF OTHERS

By Mrs. John Neely
Allentown, Pennsylvania

"Let God Be Glorified" through our teaching should be our prayer. Also, as teachers we should constantly be "Looking Unto Jesus." With these two thoughts always before us, we can really be "Women Manifesting Christ."

In teaching others, we must remember that our lives must confirm what we say. Young people, are quick to notice and to remind us when our lives and our words are not in harmony. Our lives should be pure so that no one can say of us: "Your actions talk so loud, I can't hear a word you say." If we seek our Lord's face and are in the place where He would have us, then we can teach His Word in all its beauty and power.

In my dealings with young people, I find myself asking the Lord to keep me from being a stumbling block. Children and young people are great imitators, and we would not want anyone of them to imitate anything we do or say that would be displeasing to our Lord. We do not always have to teach with our lips, for many folks watch our walk and our lives. Children learn some things by observing. I remember our own son, at the tender age of five or six, allowing the ladies to get on the bus before him. I know he learned this by watching his dad. How important it is that all our actions are right so that we shall not be ashamed of anything we do.

In Titus 2:3 we read: "The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things." Good things—what a wonderful Book we have to teach and how many precious truths we can teach. How true it is that the more we study this Book, the more we find in it.

When our Lord Jesus walked on the earth, He never missed an opportunity to teach, and He always glorified the Father. We should always lift up our Saviour when we teach.

I think it is a privilege to be a teacher of others, both in Bible school and young people's groups. This is one way we can serve Him—by teaching and pointing those whom we teach to Christ. He should be the center of all our teaching.

NOT I

Not I, but Christ
Be honored, loved, exalted;
Not I, but Christ
Be seen, be known, be heard;
Not I, but Christ
In every look and action;
Not I, but Christ
In every thought and word.

As Paul wrote in II Timothy 4:2: "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine." We as Christian women should teach the Word, point out the two roads, one to heaven and one to hell, and by God's grace, try to bring all to the one road to heaven. We may not be so popular when we teach about sin, but this is what the Lord wants us to do, and it is better to be popular with the Lord than with men.

With Christ in our hearts, His Word in our hands, and the Holy Spirit as our guide, how can we help but be good teachers. Ladies, when we are asked to teach, we should take advantage of this opportunity as Christians, unless we have a reason that we can conscientiously give to our Lord. Let us be found faithful until He comes.

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS FOR APRIL

AFRICA—

Suzan Marie Goodman April 1, 1952
Mission a N'Zoro, Bocaranga via Bangui, Central African Republic

ARGENTINA—

Rev. Solon W. Hoyt April 2
Chiclana 1074, Don Bosco, F.C.G.R., Argentina, S. A.

Paula Ann Bishop April 15, 1955
I. Arias 3360, Castelar, F.N.D.F.S., Argentina, S. A.

Robert Luis Dowdy April 26, 1948
Almirante Brown 808, Barrio Alberdi, Rio Cuarto, F.C.N.G.B.M., Argentina, S. A.

Rev. Donald E. Bishop April 29
I. Arias 3360, Castelar, F.N.D.F.S., Argentina, S. A.

BRAZIL—

Lou Ann Maycumber April 4, 1955
Macapa, Terr. Federal do Amapa, Brazil

Rev. J. Keith Altig April 9
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil

John Robert Zielasko April 10, 1948
1730 Sebastiao Freitas, Capanema, Brazil

James Kevin Johnson April 19, 1956
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil

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Birthday Missionary—Mrs. Solon Hoyt

Appointment From Disappointment

By Mrs. Don Wardell

Praying parents, a home where there was a lively missionary emphasis, and a faithful, prayer-answering God were very real factors in Kathryn Hoyt's being in Argentina today. When her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Norman Hirschy, were first married, they had applied for missionary service in Africa, but for some reason were not accepted, which was a keen disappointment to them. Some years later Mr. Hirschy took quinine during an illness and broke out with hives so bad that his condition was considered serious for a time. It seemed evident then that this was one reason the Lord kept them from going to Africa, for quinine is a necessity to Africa missionaries. But though unable to go themselves, these parents prayed that the Lord might give them a missionary family. Today, besides Kathryn in Argentina, there is a daughter in Peru, a son in Africa, and another daughter who spent twelve years in Africa and is now, with her husband, in charge of a home for missionaries' children. In answer to the prayers for a missionary family, God took four of their six children to the mission field!

Kathryn Ruth Hirschy, born in Berne, Indiana, was the fifth child to arrive in this Swiss-German household. Father and mother had attended the Fort Wayne Bible Institute and were members of the Missionary Church. After Kathryn's birth they spent four years in Ohio where Mr. Hirschy pastored in that denomination. Then he was called to Evans City, Pennsylvania, to become the pastor of a small and dying Baptist church. That pastorate has now extended to thirty-four years and the Lord has richly blessed. In the pastor's home there was a constant coming and going of missionaries, and how the children "ate up" the many thrilling stories their guests told!

Kathryn was nine when she accepted the Lord as her Saviour, during a tent meeting under the ministry of her father and another pastor.

High-school days were followed by further education in Bryan College at Dayton, Tennessee. Toward the end of her sophomore year, a certain young man began to break into the routine of Kathryn's study, classes, practice, serving tables, church, and Sunday-school teaching in the mountains. Later they served on the same gospel team, singing and playing their instruments together. The young man was Solon Hoyt.

Before that school year ended, Kathryn and Solon had been invited by the school dietician, who also served in this capacity for the Greenwood Hills Bible Conference in Pennsylvania, to act as dishwasher and waitress there during the summer. The romance progressed in this conducive atmosphere, and a year later Kathryn became Mrs. Hoyt.

Those were the early years of World War II. Since the young couple were serious in the purpose of dedicating their lives to the Lord's service, they were advised to enter seminary at once so that Solon would not be drafted into military service. So, September 1942 found them at Grace Seminary, and Solon finished his remaining years of college in the summers between seminary years. When their daughter was born in 1944 and they named her Rita, a name well known in Spanish countries and easily pronounced in either Spanish or English, it was because they were feeling the Lord was calling them to serve Him in Argentina.

After their appointment and the ensuing preparations for departure, the Hoyts expected to sail with the Lynn Schrocks who were also going out as new missionaries at that time. But alas, there came the time of sailing and the visas for the Hoyts hadn't come through. So the Schrocks sailed by themselves in September of 1945, and it was December before the Hoyts were able to leave. These couples were eagerly welcomed to this field in which there was such a dearth of missionaries.

The little city of La Carlota was Solon and Kathryn's first home in Argentina. There they first began to speak the new language, there was their first church, and there the Lord gave them their first two sons, Lynn and Aldo. Their second term they spent in Don Bosco, suburb of Buenos Aires, where they began a new Brethren testimony. During their second furlough in the States, their youngest was born—a third son whom they named Ivan, since all their other children also had names of four letters.

Now in the fourth year of their third term (terms consist of five years for Argentina missionaries), they still are continuing their work in Don Bosco and are rejoicing to see the fruit of the humble beginnings in that place, where some of the first Sunday-school children are now members of the church, teachers in the Sunday school, leading meetings, and even doing some preaching.

How interesting it is to see how the Lord works things out in the lives of His children. As you uphold before Him this "birthday missionary" and her husband and family, ask God that they might be used to accomplish great things for Him in this field which presents both challenge and promise in the preaching of the Gospel.

WMC News

GLENDALE, CALIF. The Women's Missionary Council was privileged to have Mr. and Mrs. Albert Balzer, missionaries to Africa, as guest speakers at the Annual Missionary Birthday Banquet in November. Color and sound pictures of their unique building and construction ministry were shown. Mrs. Balzer and Charles Londagin of the Temple City Brethren Church were guest soloists. Pastor Robert E. A. Miller presided.

The program theme, "Looking Unto Jesus, the Gift of God's Love," was emphasized with appropriate Scripture read by our president, Mrs. Dorothea Schwartz.

Table decorations further carried the "birthday gift" idea with a gift-wrapped box as the centerpiece. Each box, surrounded by appropriate flowers, denoted the seasons—summer, fall, and spring. Miniature churches, trees, deer, and sprigs of red berries nestled in "cotton" snow indicated the winter season.

The speaker's table was centered with a decorated cake, predominately yellow, and circled with yellow and white chrysanthemums. Names of the birthday missionaries were written in fan fashion with a candle after each name. All the centerpieces served as offering boxes in which the guests placed offerings as they marched around the tables to the tune of "Happy Birthday." Small gift boxes at each place contained nuts and mints.

The delicious ham dinner, prepared by a committee of our own ladies, was served by the teen-age girls.

Mrs. Margaret Oliver
Assistant secretary

WESTMINSTER, CALIF. "It is more blessed to give than to receive." This was the testimony of many WMC women as they returned from their visit to the Jewish Mission in Los Angeles, where they delivered one hundred dozen Christmas cookies to be used in entertaining new converts during the Advent season. The women were enthused and happy that they could share in the work of Pastor and Mrs. Button and Miss Frazer as they seek to bring the Jew to a saving knowledge of Christ, our Saviour.

Another project which was recently completed was the making of gift aprons, which were sent to Puerto Rico for our missionaries to give as Christmas presents to their flock. We are thankful to Mrs. Alice Wilson, our devotional chairman, who made thirty of the forty-six aprons which were mailed to Puerto Rico.

Mrs. William Beihl, our project chairman, has given herself sacrificially in finding projects for this newly organized group so that we may manifest Christ in the work of our hands.

Billie Erickson
Publicity chairman

The financial secretary-treasurer reports that the home-mission offering at the close of the offering period was:

$3,614.42

This should cause much rejoicing and praise.

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HAWAII—

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95-303 Waioni Street, Waipio Tract, Wahiawa, Oahu, Hawaii

MEXICO—

Mrs. Sibley M. Edmiston April 14
519 Sunset Lane, San Ysidro, California, U.S.A.

PUERTO RICO—

Nancy Joyce Brenneman April 24, 1954
F 16 Summit Hills, P. O. Box 10144, Caparra Heights, P. R.

IN THE UNITED STATES—

Miss Edith Geske April 4
Route 3, Norfolk, Nebraska

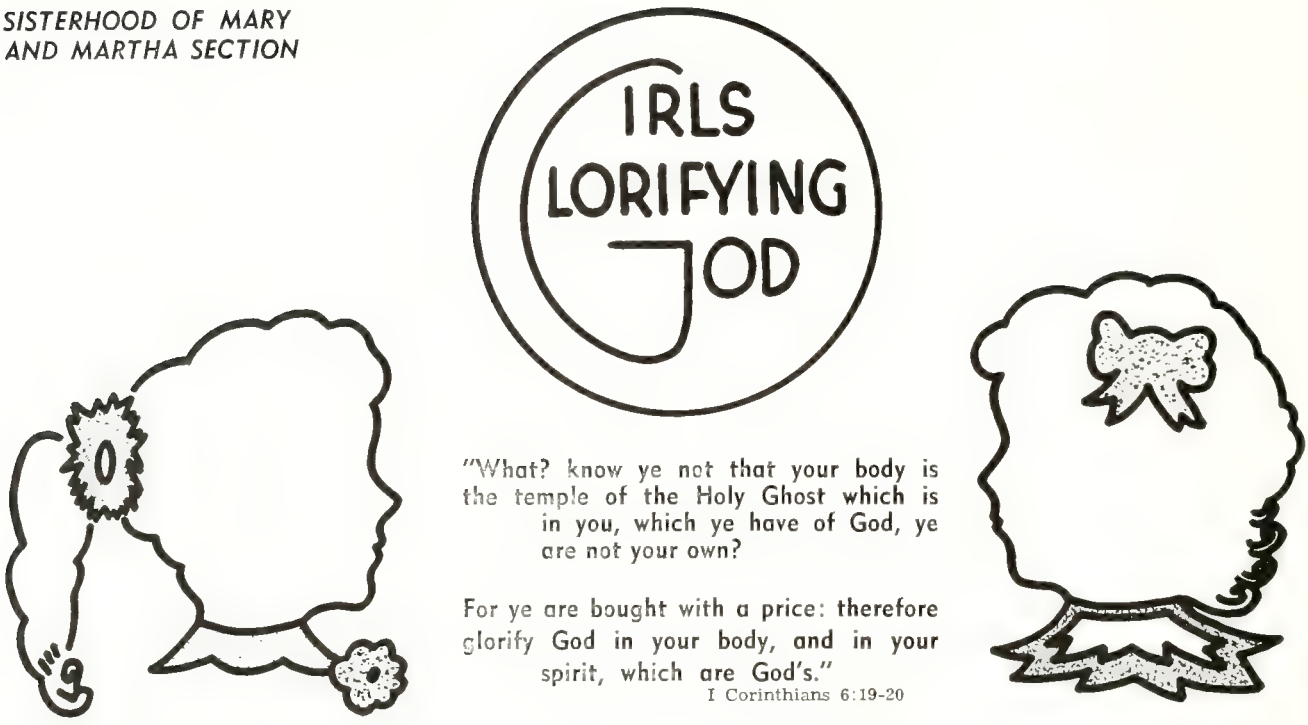
Mrs. Robert S. Williams April 15
101-4th Street, Winona Lake, Ind.

Lester W. Kennedy, Jr. April 18, 1955
Route 1, Oakland Road, Limestone, Tennessee

David George Goodman April 21, 1947
231 Linden Way, Sunnyside, Washington

Peter Philip Marshall April 23, 1953
New Vienna, Ohio

Miss Barbara Hulse April 27
Box 588, Winona Lake, Indiana



"What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, ye are not your own?

For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."
I Corinthians 6:19-20

G'ris Glorifying God in Argentina

By Mrs. James Marshall

Argentina today is a land of rapid change. In the past ten years it has become a modern nation in many respects. The people are fast adopting the customs of their neighbors to the North—the United States. The young people reflect these changes more than other groups within the country. They see many movies from Hollywood and attempt to copy what they see there in dress, customs, and behavior. Any magazine from the States is regarded as a treasure and absorbed from cover to cover (as far as it is possible when one does not read the English language).

Therefore, the Argentine girl is not too different from any young girl in this country. She desires to be popular, to have boy friends, to dress according to the latest styles. Our Christian girls have these desires but find some of them hard to satisfy. It is difficult to be a born-again Christian in Argentina because it is a Catholic country. The government is Catholic, the schools are Catholic, and most of the people are Catholic. Most of our Brethren congregations are small, and there are few young people in each church. These young people are constantly in contact with the world in their school life or at their work, and many find it hard to resist the temptation to conform to the world. We all know that it is not easy to be different from others of our own age. The Christian girl or boy in Argentina stands out like a "sore thumb" among his associates if he attempts to maintain his Christian testimony. Many of our young people have been able to continue faithful in their Christian walk, but a goodly number have weakened and gone off with their worldly friends to partake of worldly pleasures. A constant heartache for the pastor and missionary are the Christian girls who marry unsaved boys because they are afraid of never marrying. So many of them regret this decision when it is too late to do anything about it.

The Brethren Church was started in Argentina about fifty years ago in the city of Rio Cuarto. This is a pleasant inland city of about 80,000 people with modern stores, modern industries, pleasant homes, and good schools. Our church in Rio Cuarto consists of about 150 members. During our ministry, we had the joy of working with an active youth group who were dedicated to service for their Lord. These young people conducted their own Sunday evening meetings, planned and carried out a monthly social meeting, and carried on an active evangelistic program which included distributing tracts from door to door and conducting children's classes.

Would you like to meet a few of our girls? Nelida De Marco is the teacher of our primary class in the Sunday school. During the school year she attends secondary school and is very busy with her studies. She is preparing to be a teacher and hopes to combine a teaching and missionary career. She is planning to attend our Bible Institute after finishing high school

PRAYER REQUESTS:

1. Pray for Rev. Charles Taber, husband of our middler Bible study writer. He is very seriously ill.

2. Pray for our work in Argentina, and for our missionaries who are serving there.

3. Pray that each girl will diligently strive to "glorify God" in every way.

and then seek a teaching job.

Sonia, her attractive, younger sister is very different. She is a sincere Christian girl, but is still young enough to find it hard to be serious at the right moment. She did not go on to study in the secondary school, but instead has studied in a professional school where she learned to sew and embroider. She is very active in our young people's activities and has been a great help in our children's classes. She finished her studies and is now clerking in a drug store to help the family pay the high cost of living which is facing the Argentine people today.

Eunice Irusta is a sweet Christian girl. She is nearly twenty-five years old and would like to find a good Christian husband. Therefore, she has faithfully kept God's Word by not lowering her standards to accept just anyone. We rejoiced when we heard of her faithfulness in this respect some time ago. One of the owners of a store near the novelty shop where Eunice clerks spoke to her of his interest in her and of his desire to become her "novio," as boy friends are called in Spanish. However, Eunice made it clear that she could have no interest in him as long as he was unsaved.

Marta Irusta is Eunice's sister. They live with their widowed mother in their grandmother's house. Since finishing grade school, Marta has studied typing and embroidery in professional schools and is looking for a job. It is not easy for a young girl to find desirable employment of any kind. Many of the girls from the poorer homes work as servants in the homes of the well-to-do folks. Until recently, because of the fact that there were few modern conveniences in the homes, even the middle class families hired girls to help in their houses to scrub the tile floors, do the marketing everyday, and care for the smaller children. Many of these servants live in the place where they work.

Marta may try to earn money embroidering mantillas. These are the fine, lacy handkerchiefs which most Roman Catholic women wear to their church services. This kind of embroidery has become a popular occupation for many of the young girls in Argentina today. Using nylon tulle they are able to produce the most intricate and beautiful designs. Marta is also active in our children's work and plays the piano for some of the church services.

I would like you to meet all our young ladies in our church in Argentina. If you could do this, you would find that they are very much like you. Although it is true that most of them are of Italian, German, and Spanish descent, and they all speak the Spanish language, yet their customs, their desires and their problems are very much like yours.

After ten years of living with these young people, we have learned to love them as true children of God, redeemed through the blood of Christ. We trust that you will love them too, and that you will pray for them that God may use them to win many of their own people to Christ.

Nooz From Yooz

Middlebranch, Ohio—The Senior SMM had a wonderful time in working out Martha Goal No. 4. To accomplish this, they gave a tea for the members of the local junior and senior WMC's. The program consisted of a typical SMM monthly meeting which was "broadcasted" over Station SMM actually using our imitation TV screen. The theme, "Girls Glorifying God in Church," was carried out in the decorations on the tea table. Storybook dolls representing each SMM member were grouped around a miniature church. The twenty-two WMC women enjoyed the devotional program and time of fellowship.

New Troy, Michigan—The Senior SMM girls have been keeping busy this year. They made baby clothes for a new baby at Taos, New Mexico. Scrapbooks were made to cheer up those in the hospital. At Christmastime the girls became "mailmen" as they distributed Christmas cards for the members of the church. Keep up the good work!

TESTIMONY FROM OUR TREASURER

I praise God that "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day" (II Tim. 1:12). In today's world of worry, uncertainty, and forces that threaten everything we hold dear, I am glad to be able to say that my hope and faith are in One who is changeless and all powerful.



Ruth Henry, our newly appointed national treasurer, hails from Waterloo, Iowa. She is a sophomore at Grace College

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The Richest Women in the World

DEAR AMY:

When you answered Lenora's problem concerning her personal responsibility to the Lord, you mentioned the reward that comes with serving Him.

I know I should not mention my problem, since our entire family loves Christ and we do so many things together, but perhaps other Christian girls are facing the same question. It is difficult to see fellows and girls with so many beautiful clothes, their own cars, portable TV sets and radios when your parents cannot afford these things and you are too young to earn money for them.

I try to overcome my depressed and envious feelings, but how can I?

Love in Him,
Mary

Dear Mary,

When I was a young woman, we often passed a most gorgeous house surrounded by shapely evergreens, formal, and informal gardens. There was a pool on the estate large enough for boating in the summer and skating in the winter. How I envied that family, for like you, we were of lesser means materially.

A few years later we discovered that the husband and wife seldom saw each other, although they both lived in the house. She paid her bills; he paid his. There was no love there!

Mary, their reward was a beautiful house, but you have a Christian home. Material things do not satisfy, although they are pleasant.

As I was reading your letter, there was an article on my desk entitled "The Richest Women in the World." It told of their sable and mink, their estates and stocks, their jewelry and clothing. With the fabulous accumulation of this world's goods, they were not happy. They were seeking the plaudits of the world, while Christ said: "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal . . . for where your treasure is, there will you heart be also" (Matt. 6:19, 21).

It is wonderful to know that our Lord, who left heaven and its glories for you and for me, knew the limitations of the material. He had no home to call His own. He borrowed a boat in which to rest and a boat from which to preach. Let us consider what He gives us with this thought in mind.

In Ephesians 1:3 we read: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ."

"In Christ" what a wonder! The world looks at jewels and wealth and marvels, but Mary, in salvation we have the wonder of wonders. The Lord Jesus so loved you and me that He gave himself as a ransom that through faith in Him (Rom. 6:23) we have life eternal. A little girl reading through the Bible read: "He that believeth hath 'internal' life." This was a mistake in reading, but no mistake in actuality. The Lord Jesus lives within and gives many blessings along the way. He has clothed us and made us to sit in "heavenly places."

One of these "internal" blessings is the peace that is within our hearts. He said (John 14:27): "My peace I give unto you." All can be stress, strain, and tensions without, but we can have that ease of mind and heart that we are His, and He is ours. The person who is continually thinking of material possessions has never known this blessing that passes understanding.

A second "internal" blessing is the opportunity of working with Him—co-workers with Christ. He who owns the cattle on a thousand hills; He who said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life"; He who stands at the right hand of God the Father permits us to use our time, our talent, our tithes to proclaim the "good news" and to do works for Him.

Add to these two the "internal" blessings—the joy of being able to walk and talk with Him. He has told us (James 1:5) if any of us lack wisdom that we are to ask of Him. He will impart the proper answer. Sometimes He says yes, sometimes no and sometimes wait. You see, He knows what is good for us. What are often our disappointments are His appointments. He is all-knowing, always present, and all powerful. He tells us He will impart the wisdom to us.

Yes, Mary, we are members of His household, children of God, members of the body of Christ, indwelt by God himself. We are rich, aren't we? The songwriter, says: "A child of the king, with Jesus my Saviour, I'm a child of the King."

Perhaps one other thought ought to impress us. It is not how much we have, but what we do with what we have that counts. Enjoy your Christian home.

Love in Him,
AMY

Suggested Program for March

Devotional Study:
"Girls Glorifying God . . . in Word"

Memory Verse:
Junior—Psalm 141:3
Middler—Colossians 3:9
Senior—Colossians 4:6

Mission Study:
"Around the World for Christ in Argentina," by Mrs. James Marshall

NEWS

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WINONA LAKE, IND. The Grace yearbook won first place for the best group or panel pictures in the 1961 judging sponsored by the Indiana Collegiate Press Association. The pictures displayed "clever combinations of informal and formal pictures, and showed vitality in group pictures," said the judges. Jeanine Swetlic edited the book.

SAN JOSE, CALIF. Rev. Lyle Marvin reports that 11 Sisterhood girls publicly confessed Christ as Saviour Jan. 14 at Grace Brethren Church. Three SMM girls made decisions of rededication.

TAOS, N. MEX. The Canon Brethren Church, Sam Horney, pastor, is broadcasting a one-hour morning worship service each Sunday over the new radio station KKIT.

YAKIMA, WASH. Rev. Howard Mayes reports that the Northwest District of Brethren Churches held an overnight "Snow Camp" at Brooks Memorial State Park, Feb. 2-3. The Youth rally included fun, inspiration, fellowship, and playoffs in the Bible quiz competition between the churches.

MANSFIELD, OHIO. The Northern Ohio District WMC held its quarterly rally at the Woodville Grace Brethren Church, Jan. 22. Mrs. Robert Williams, missionary to Africa, was the guest speaker.

DAYTON, OHIO. William A. Steffler, pastor of First Brethren Church, tendered his resignation Jan. 21 to become effective April 22. Mr. Steffler has accepted the call to become pastor of the Suburban Brethren Church, Hatboro, Pa.

ASHLAND, OHIO. There are 264 people in the Grace Brethren Church here who have signed up to read the Bible through in 1962. Miles Taber, pastor.

LONG BEACH, CALIF. After 37 years of broadcasting, Dr. Charles E. Fuller, has retired from the Old Fashioned Revival Hour. Evangelist Ross Rhodes began Jan. 21 as the new voice on the program.

ALTOONA, PA. The First Brethren Church has extended a call to Rev. Ralph S. Burns to remain another year as pastor with a raise in salary.

ALBANY, OREG. Rev. Phillip Guerena, Brethren missionary-elect to Mexico, was guest speaker at Grace Brethren Church, Jan. 21. Nelson Hall is pastor.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. The Southern California District Youth Committee chairman, Robert McCormick, pastor of the Community Brethren Church, announces a senior high and college winter conference during Mar. 2-3; a junior high swim and recreation day Mar. 23; and youth talent night April 7 and 14.

MARION, IND. The seventh annual convention of the Indiana State Sunday School Association will be held at the College Wesleyan Methodist Church, May 3 and 4, 1962. It is anticipated that approximately 2,000 people will be in attendance during the two days.

The convention program has been planned by the officials of the Association. Rev. Harold Etling, National Director of Brethren Sunday Schools, is ISSA president.

DAYTON, OHIO. Nate Casement, pastor of the Patterson Park Brethren Church, reports that the Sunday school attendance is showing a 47 percent increase over that of last year.

KITTANNING, PA. The Sunday school departments of the First Brethren Church are planning an "Around the World With Missions," Friday evening, Mar. 2. This program will depict activities on our seven mission fields.

In Memoriam

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

FINK, James Harry, went to be with the Lord within a few days of his 84th birthday. He was faithful in his attendance at First Brethren Church, Kittanning, Pa.

—William Schaffer, pastor

EMMERT, Sam, 94, departed from this life on Nov. 28. Mr. Emmert was a long-time member of the First Brethren Church, Dallas Center, Iowa, and an uncle of Miss Mary Emmert.

—Forrest Jackson, pastor

GOOD, Ida, 83, was called to her heavenly home Dec. 25 following a heart attack. She became a member of the First Brethren Church, Dallas Center, Iowa, in 1906. She served the Lord faithfully for about 40 years in the nursery department.

—Forrest Jackson, pastor

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 30 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Church	*Date*	*Pastor*	*Speaker*
Dallas Center, Iowa	Feb. 11-18	Forrest Jackson	Lester Pifer
Long Beach, Calif.	Feb. 11-18	Charles Mayes	Bob Collitt
Waynesboro, Pa.	Feb. 15-25	Robert Crees	Herman Hein, Jr.
Compton, Calif.	Feb. 19-25	Edwin Cashman	Bob Collitt
Roanoke, Va.	Mar. 6-18	Vernon Harris	Bob Collitt
Johnstown, Pa. (Riverside)	Mar. 14-25		Ed Lewis
Garwin, Iowa	Mar. 11-18	Raymond Kettell	Bill Smith
Wooster, Ohio	Mar. 11-25	Kenneth Ashman	Lex Smith

THE REVIVAL WE NEED

BY REV. GILBERT HAWKINS
Jackson, Michigan

The cry of the psalmist, "Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?" (Ps. 85:6), ought to be our cry.

If the church as a whole is to survive, *we must have revival.* If our young people are to survive in the midst of a godless and immoral society, we must have revival. If the new-born babes in Christ are to survive, we must have revival.

The People who need Revival are God's people, not the world. The world is dead in trespasses and sins (Eph. 2:1). It needs evangelizing, but the evangelist (the church) is so conformed to the world that God can't use it until it is revived. A church may call an evangelist hoping to have revival—man cannot bring revival. Revival must come from God in answer to prayer and repentance of sin.

The psalmist said: "Wilt thou not revive us?" The world has a right to expect and see us live in accordance with the Word of God and the profession we profess. When we begin to confess and forsake our sins, revival will be here. It is our sins and not the sins of the world that has negated the growth of the church. Let us return to the Lord and sing to the God of our salvation. Many are enduring, rather than enjoying, salvation. Where is the spirit of separation that brought the Brethren Church into existence and that it has stood for down through the years? Are we afraid to be a church that stands for separation from the world? In all too many instances we act the same, smell the same, dress (or undress) the same, and use the same excuses as the world for our indulgences of the flesh and to be absent from the house of God.

On the last Sunday of a ten-day meeting in a known church, three or more prominent families (members and teachers) found excuses to stay away from the services to visit friends, picnic, and so forth. Within a month the new Christians followed suit. The pastor said it was difficult to ever teach them regularity and faithfulness because of what they saw older Christians do.

The Path to Revival is found in the Word of God. "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching" (Heb. 10:25). It is the manner of some to forsake the gathering of the saints and the Word of God for other things. God says not to do it. It is the manner of some to become angry when so exhorted. God says to exhort anyway.

When our Lord was arrested Mark 14:50 tells us: "They all forsook him and fled." At too many services of the church it could be said: "They all forsook it and fled." The newer Christians usually flee with, or at the example of, the older ones. If older ones set the example of bringing one instead of taking some away, what a joy it would be. The path to revival leads to the house of God. Faithfulness to the Lord in the heart leads to faithfulness to the house of the Lord in the outward life.

If each one of us was faithful to all of the services of the church for three months (with proper attitude toward Him and His Word), revival would be here. Any local church can have revival in the same way. Of course the church must work in one accord. One Achan in the nation of Israel brought the whole nation to defeat (Josh. chap. 7). One Achan in the church may do likewise. Prayer was useless for Achan and is useless today until we deal with the cancerous sin. Sin has made us powerless and prayerless. Let's deal with it, brethren. Why should he who is careless in attendance have a vote in the business?

In the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches across America we had over 36,000 enrolled in Sunday school in 1960. We had an average attendance of only about 24,000 per Sunday which is less than two thirds. Either we had few prospects present, or many members absent or both. Either one is grievous, for our membership was more than 25,500. We didn't even average our membership. This is reflected in the lack of increase of local and national offerings, missionaries who

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Salvation or Religion?



By Rev. Sheldon Snyder

Pastor, Grace Brethren Church
Hopewell, Pennsylvania

"God is a Spirit, and they that worship him, must worship him in Spirit and in truth" (John 4:24).

There are many professing Christians today who need to find out if they have the real thing. It is going to be a rude awakening someday to find out they have been deceived. They have deceived themselves into thinking they were saved, that they were believers, "born again," but perhaps nowhere in their lives have they given any evidence of that new birth.

"But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life" (John 4:14).

This passage is a marvelous description. It is not something you get for a few weeks; it is something that begins and never ends. Salvation is not something that lies like a dead weight in your life, something that is hard to carry around; it is a springing well, living water springing up into everlasting life.

What a wonderful thing salvation is! Should a child of God be different from those who are unsaved? Certainly! Through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit, God has begun something in you that is wonderful. We read in John 7:38: "He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water." Jesus is speaking of the believer. He is not speaking of one who claims to have gone on to obtain some fancied goal, but just a simple believer who has trusted Jesus Christ for salvation.

"He that believeth" has something that will flow out of his life, and verse 39 of this same chapter tells us what it is: "The Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive." Salvation is a living thing. It is ours by believing what God says of His Son in His Word. It is something that flows, and never ceases to flow.

Before Jesus left this world He shed His blood for our cleansing from the guilt of sin, and we are also kept from the power of sin. When Jesus comes to take us with Him to glory, we shall be taken from the presence of sin.

After Jesus ascended to the Father, He sent the Holy Spirit that we might be filled so that salvation is not emptiness—it is fullness. Salvation is something that flows and continues to flow.

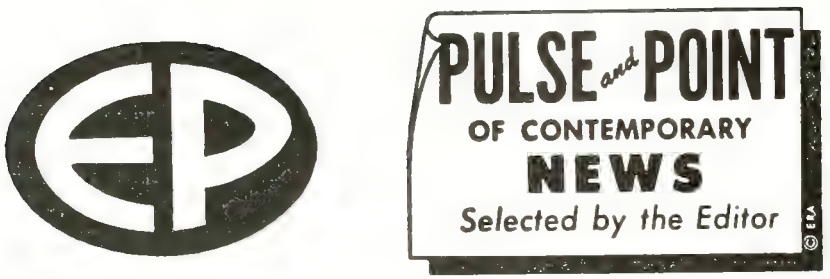
What then should we be as Christians since we have been cleansed by His precious blood and washed whiter than snow, and received the Holy Spirit? The woman at the "well of Sychar" says: "Sir, give me this water that I thirst not" (4:15). Shall a believer do less than ask for this infilling that only the Holy Spirit can give? This sinful woman did not receive this living water until she asked for it. God will not give what is not asked for. This is true because God's Word says so: "We have not, because we ask not"; "He that asketh receiveth." Jesus said: "If ye will ask I will do."

We, as this woman, must be brought to the place where we ask what the Lord has to give. God does not give to folks who do not want anything. The very fact that you want it, and ask for it indicates that there is something you feel you need, and that is why God tells you to ask.

When the woman asked: "Give me this water that I thirst not," did she understand? She did not. She thought Christ was speaking of some springing water that she could have so that she would not have to come to the well so often. Here we see the glorious work of the Master Teacher as the regenerating work springs up in the heart of this woman that is longing for something new. We are led to believe the Lord rejoices more in what He is able to do for us than what we are able to do for Him. He has so much to give us. For what are you asking?

He wants your gifts. He records the gifts of the child of God. If you just put your gifts in the offering plate because it passes before you, just to save yourself embarrassment, He does not notice. He records only what you bring as a definite gift for

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NOTICE TO READERS: The purpose of this page is to provide our readers with worldwide religious news. All material is presented as news without editorial comment and does not necessarily reflect the theological position of this magazine.—Editor

CHICAGO—Theological professors of four Lutheran bodies merging into the Lutheran Church in America have held the first in a series of three scheduled theological consultations.

Theme of the first meeting was "Functional Theology and Field Work." Representatives came from the United Lutheran Church in America, the sponsor and the other three merging denominations—Augustana Lutheran Church, American Evangelical Lutheran Church, and Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Church (Suomi Synod).

Dr. E. Theodore Bachmann, ULCA secretary for theological education, said the purpose of the consultations was to "provide an opportunity for clarifying the aims and the common concerns in our theological enterprise."

The Lutheran Church in America will hold its constituting convention at Detroit, Mich., June 28-July 1. It will have some 3,200,000 members.

LONDON—All references to the Devil were stricken from the Church of England catechism last year, but opposition to the move has forced Satan back into the revised version.

The new copies say, instead of "I renounce the Devil and all his works," contained in the former version, "I would renounce the Devil and fight against evil."

ROME—A small group of priests in Israel now conducting mass in Hebrew are said to be forerunners of thousands more in this year of Ecumenical Council who will abandon the Latin rite.

The priests are members of the Dominican Order and have been members of the Latin Rite until now.

A consideration of mass in the common tongue is on the agenda for the 1962 Roman Catholic Ecumenical Council.

Reformers point out that the Christian world was united for its first 1,000 years without the help of a common language. They add that even in Rome the official language for the first four centuries was Greek, not Latin.

Conservative members stress the use of Latin in inner church discussions with the counter-argument that in a country like India where there are many languages, it would be hard to agree on any one local tongue and some missionary bishops would be up against the embarrassment of eight or ten competing local tribal languages.

Officials within the Vatican say there is a strong possibility that the Council may let the bishops of each country decide for themselves whether to have all or part of the mass from now on in their local language.

DALLAS, TEX.—Some 30 years ago, concrete-walled tunnels were built under the Buckner Baptist Children's Home here. Now they are being converted into a fallout shelter for some 600 youngsters.

Formerly known as Buckner's Orphan Home, the institution is an agency of the Baptist General Convention of Texas and is believed to be the largest orphanage in the world.

Six feet wide and six feet high, the tunnels house steam pipes carrying heat to the buildings. If placed end to end they would be more than a mile long. Tunnel ceilings are below the concrete floors of the institution.

Business Manager, J. C. Wilson, said that cots, blankets, concentrated foods, and chemical disposal systems have been installed. The shelter will include an air-filter system, he said, and a gasoline generator for electrical power. Water will come from a deep well enclosed in a thick steel and concrete shelter.

NEW CASTLE-ON-TYNE, ENGLAND—"There must be a great deal of spare room in the palace (which has about 600 rooms), writes Presbyterian minister William Barbour in an editorial directed at England's Queen Elizabeth. "I know if the Queen allowed people in need of accommodation to share her house, many other people would follow suit."

Mr. Barbour, writing in his church magazine, stressed that he was not suggesting the Queen "should become a landlady or that she should run a bed-and-breakfast service."

"But letting commoners into the palace would not distract from the position of royalty at all," he added.

TULARE, CALIF.—The trustees of the Tulare Union High School have adopted the resolution saying that no more Bibles or religious literature will be distributed in the school until the State Supreme Court gives a ruling on the issue.

The action came after the Rev. James Maloney and the Rev. Joseph Pacheco, both local ministers, withdrew requests for permission to distribute copies of the Confraternity edition of the Bible to school students.

Last month the board permitted the Gideon organization to distribute New Testaments at high school assemblies.

Now the trustees have been advised by County Counsel Calvin Baldwin that such distribution of the Bible in public schools is prohibited by the state and federal constitutions.

Before withdrawing his request, Mr. Maloney told the trustees his church firmly believes in separation of church and state, but if one group is allowed to give out Bibles, then all

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By John C. Whitcomb, Jr., Th.D.

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groups should be permitted to do so.

NEW YORK—The New York Stake (district) of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon) has announced its intentions to build a skyscraper here which will serve as an administrative and worship center for this area.

Slated to be a 30 or 40 story structure, the building will be located at 57th and 58th streets just west of Fifth Avenue. Many floors will be devoted to church offices with the tower portion to be rented out as office or apartment space.

G. Stanley McAllister, president of the New York Stake, said construction will start as soon as building plans are completed. Occupancy by 1965 is their hope.

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must stay home because of lack of funds, and home mission points not being opened. Here is the hole in the dike, Brethren, let's plug it up.

An individual who misses at least 50 percent of the services (by choice) said to the writer: "I am so hungry for revival." "So faith comes by hearing (what is told), and what is heard comes by the preaching (of the message that came from the lips) of Christ, the Messiah (himself)" (Rom. 10:17 A.N.T.). Few sick people become well and gain strength by defying the attending physician, and fewer weak Christians become strong by defying the living God. "Sunday sickness" is a disease of the church. Well on Saturday and out all night, sick on Sunday, and to work on Monday.

The Products of Revival are many fold. Evangelism would blossom. New converts would be encouraged and would grow. Most evangelism is soon lost unless revival comes. New converts soon become suppressed in the prevailing coldness. One of the greatest things a new convert can see is the good example of the older ones.

Another product of Spirit-born revival would be financial assistance. Every facet of the work of the Lord would benefit. When new babes in Christ find the older ones faithful in their giving they will do so too. The personal worker should be able to say: "The members of our church tithe."

Daniel said: "We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments" (Dan. 9:5). When we come to the Lord like this and confess our sins, He will still be faithful and just to forgive and to cleanse us from all sin. When we become faithful to the Lord, who redeemed us from sin, and faithful to the church which is His body, we will be faithful to the local church whether we voted for the program or not as long as it is true to the Word of God.

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Him—given out of love for Him. Dear friend, He has so much to give us. Jesus said: "If you knew what I have to give, and know who I am." How much we miss because we do not ask!

What Jesus wanted this woman to admit was that she was a sinner. Jesus can go no further until He tells her about her sins, neither can He go any further with us. If we have unconfessed sin, God will not bless. This Samaritan woman had not mentioned her sin, Jesus must mention the sin to bring it to her attention. So it is with those who profess to be Christians and show no evidence of the new birth. The only thing that God asks of men today is that they recognize they are sinners and need a Saviour. God helps the helpless. God gives His righteousness to those who have none. God hears the prayer of those who take their proper position before Him. Most of us get so little from God because we feel we do not need Him. May God search our hearts as we ask the question "Do I have salvation, or just religion?"

Youth Page

...of the **Brethren Youth Council**

Compiled by Dave Hocking, National Youth Director

NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK

National Youth Week in The Brethren Church for 1962 ended a week ago. We trust that each church in the brotherhood experienced a time of real blessing and dedication in the lives of many of its young people. This week is considered to be primarily a time of motivation for the youth program for the coming year in each church. We trust that every church will have a wonderful year in youth, and will find at the end of the year, many Christian leaders arising from among the ranks of their young people.

During Youth Week every year we present two contests to emphasize the theme for the year, which is "Make Ready." The Poster Contest includes the making of an original poster based on the theme for the year, and the prize for the winning poster is a Bible and a New Testament for the second place winner. In the Reporting Contest, the individual must make an original report on some experience which he has seen or heard, based on the theme for the year. The award is a beautiful writer's pen for the first place winner, and a marking pen for second place. These contests end March 1, 1962.

COLLEGE REPORT

We learn from Sharon Hale, member of the First Brethren Church in Long Beach, California, and now a student in Columbia University, that she and another Christian girl on campus have been able to start a Bible study class. We praise the Lord for this wonderful opportunity and request each of you to pray for this ministry on a campus that desperately needs Christ!

It is always encouraging to hear of our Brethren students from different colleges and universities who are actively engaged each weekend in the Lord's work. Several students at Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois are working with Dean Fetterhoff in the Greater Chicago Project. Sherwood Lingenfelter is the newly appointed pastor of the Arbury Hills Brethren Church which was begun about a year or so ago.

From Grace College in Winona Lake, Indiana, a quartet goes out each weekend in Christian service. The members of the quartet are Garry Butt, from Peru, Indiana, Dave Miller, from Glendale, California, Don Farner, from Toppenish, Washington, and Dennis Beach, from Martinsburg, Pennsylvania.

At Westmont College in Santa Barbara, California, Dale O'Neal, first tenor in the Westmont quartet, travels on the weekends to various churches serving the Lord through their musical programs. We praise the Lord for these students who are carrying on this ministry while still in school.

YOUTH EVANGELISM TEAM

The team begins its weekend ministry again this month, after a brief "rest" to take their final exams in the seminary this past month. You are invited to pray each weekend, for they will bring a message from God's Word to many hungry hearts.

Pray for these meetings: February 9-11—Lake Odessa, Michigan; February 17, 18—Fremont, Ohio; March 2-4—Roanoke, Virginia.

TEEN-AGE REPORT

From now until next August, hundreds of Brethren young people are going to be actively engaged in our program of *National Achievement Competition.* NAC was instituted several years ago to encourage our young people to invest their time and their talents for the Lord. (It was formerly called by another name.) The contests begin in the local church, and then the winners go to the district to compete, and finally, the district finalists compete at our National Youth Conference in Winona Lake, Indiana, in August.

The areas of competition include both the musical talent of the individual as well as his knowledge of God's Word. Competition exists in both avenues of voice and instrument, including the solo and the ensemble in the field of music. In the knowledge of God's Word, the competition exists in Bible quizzing. This trains the individual to know exactly what the Bible has to say, to commit it to memory, and thereby to hide it in the heart as Psalm 119 says: "That I might not sin against thee."

Ten out of the fourteen districts of our Brethren churches are now engaged in the program of NAC.

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His Last Command—
Our First Concern!

It has been truthfully said: "Any man who has religion is bound to do one of two things with it—change it or spread it! If it is not true, he must *give it up.* If it is true, he must *give it away.*"

Paul, the Apostle, esteemed knowing the Saviour as "the priceless privilege." And it is! But, one of the solemn facts of life is this: one cannot be the sole possessor of such a privilege! Spiritual light that is not shared becomes darkness. Stored-up manna breeds worms and stinks! Whatever else may be said of Christianity, it is not a selfish thing. With all its enjoyment and blessings comes the responsibility of making it available to others. The Christian conscience says: "If this is any good at all, it must be *good for all.* If Christ has transformed your own heart and life, and given you a new eternal hope and destiny, you are bound to see to it that others learn to know Him too!"

Christianity not diffused, is Christianity abused! Misused! A Christian who is not living for the spread of the Gospel is a prodigal, estranged from that which is closest to his Father's heart. To disregard the Great Commission is to be a renegade. It is almost axiomatic that "to know Christ is to make Him known."

If our world is under sentence of judgment, and it is, if men of all colors and climes are without hope because they are without God; then is not ours a solemn responsibility to have in our possession the reprieve for condemned men?

Dr. James A. Stewart, professor of New Testament at the University of Edinburgh, puts this whole matter succinctly in these words: "The concern for world evangelization is not something tacked on to a man's personal Christianity, which he may take or leave as he chooses; it is rooted indefeasibly in the character of God who has come to us in Jesus. To accept Christ is to enlist under a missionary banner."

As a disciple of Jesus Christ, wouldn't you agree, that His *last command* ought to be *your first concern?*

(Digest of a discussion presented by Clay Cooper on Horizons Unlimited)

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EDITORIALS

By Lester E. Pifer

The radio and television waves have crackled with the news surrounding the opening of Congress and the new advances in the space race. The placing of a man in orbit and the moon shot have been uniquely timed to correlate with the Congressional consideration of the budget.

The estimated 1962 receipts in taxes from the American people will net 93 billion dollars (almost 60 cents of each dollar from the individual). The expenditures for the year are estimated at 92.5 billion dollars. Interestingly, sixty-three cents of every dollar expended will be for national-international defense and space. So important is this item that one commentator said: "Mr. Kennedy will get every cent he asks for in defense and space, this deals with our national survival!"

The Ranger missile which was recently fired at the moon to gather pictures and other scientific data was said to have cost 5½ million dollars. It failed to gather the moon data and is now orbiting the sun.

It took twenty-four ships, 15,000 men, and three weeks of time to set up recovery units to catch Col. Glenn in his return from orbit. This missile, the most elaborate and expensive yet and the whole launching, tracking and recovery operation, cost a sum so fabulous that no figure has been released. The purpose was to probe outer space for scientific data, to maintain American prestige in the world of nations, and to put a man in space.

There seems to be no objection to these excessive costs. The American individual taxed heavily seems to respond with a keen interest and amazement. Thousands gathered on Florida shores, millions more watched on TV and thrilled with a personal satisfaction of our accomplishments. America was getting the job done precisely and properly.

Our Bible bears record of the coming and purpose of Christ. "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10). Jesus paid the supreme price (infinitely more valuable and dearer than dollars for missiles); then gave His final exhortations to the church as Lord and Christ: "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8). Coupled with the previous commission (Matt. 28: 19-20) our job was to evangelize lost men everywhere. In reality we were to prepare lost men for God's space.

In that day men stood in utter amazement at the translation from earth to heaven of the Son of God. It is significant that God warned those who stood there: ". . . why stand ye gazing up into heaven?" It was imperative that the command of Christ be obeyed. His return was imminent.

In a special sense our job as Christians is to put men in God's space. The salvation, sanctification, and glorification of the children of God is infinitely greater than three or four trips around this globe. We are dealing with the problem of sin, the present lives of individuals, the eternal destiny of souls.

Electronic computers, radar, ultrasonic sensing instruments are tools that have little part in our work. The care, preparation, methods, however, in the spiritual realm are of no lesser importance. Mediocrity, outdated modes of procedure have long plagued the church. Lack of vision, organization, and applied skill and talent have caused us to stand still too often. What a pity that the world shames us by progress in doing a job of lesser value. We wonder how many times the Lord must say: "Why stand ye here . . . gazing?"

The expense of our Nation's advancement is enormous. The American people respond to the need with minor gripes but proud of the Nation's accomplishments. Is it wrong to expect that our church should react the same way to America's spiritual need? Did we expect too much when a goal of fourteen dollars per member was set for our home-mission offering? Did we assume too much when we expected the membership of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches to shoulder this challenge? Is the saving of souls, the building of new testimonies for Christ a real need in America? Are we not convinced of this fact? Are we thrilled at the prospects and fruit of our work?

In James 5:20 we read: "Let him know, that he which converted the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins." The wise man of Proverbs said: "He that winneth souls is wise" (Prov. 11:30). Daniel says: "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever" (Dan. 12:3). The Gospel in our hands is the force that projects men into God's family, and ultimately to heaven. The application of willing and generous hearts combined with properly directed talent will accomplish the greatest task on earth. This work has eternal results. Let us not stand still in our home-mission field. America needs the Gospel!



Troy, Ohio Se

By Herman H. Hein, Jr.
Pastor

The home-mission family loses another dependent in our step of faith. "By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God" (Rom. 5:2). We are still a part of that family, but now on the giving end only, and no longer on the receiving end. We take this step of faith and stand on this Scripture here in Troy. The following account is a record of what God has done and not man. Therefore our Lord receives all the glory.

In 1945, God led a few people with faith to come from the North Riverdale Brethren Church of Dayton, Ohio to start a Sunday school in a little community house in this city of Troy. As others offered their services, the work grew and a church was organized. Lots were purchased a few blocks down the street from the community house and a basement church was completed in 1949. In 1952 the superstructure was added (only a shell). Thus far most of the work was done by volunteer labor and with the aid of neighboring churches in the District. District missions assisted the work for a time. In 1956, the church realized the need of a full-time pastor for greater growth.

By faith The Brethren Home Missions Council, Inc. accepted the church as a national home-missions project. A contract was signed, and at this point we will bring you up-to-date on how the church progressed to be self-supporting. Within five years and three months The Brethren Home Missions Council assisted financially in an amount of $12,401.34 for salary support and building appropriations, plus many other aids given to struggling churches, such as moving expenses, workshops, con-

Left, top down: Nursery department with Connie and Phyllis Kindell; pre-kindergarten, Mrs. Helen Schaffner; kindergarten, Miss Charlene Wackler; First grade, Miss Blanche Garber; second grade, Mrs. Jessie Hartley, and Third grade, Mrs. Mary Walters.

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ference expenses, and so forth. It has been a real privilege to be a part of the home-mission family. As of January 1, 1962 we became *self-supporting!* For this we praise the Lord. We thank every one of you who have given to home missions, and who have prayed for us to make this possible.

By faith we are able today to pay our pastor, make our building payments, and meet the other expenses of the church and Sunday school. This is strictly a faith work with us, for we have no wealthy people to depend upon in case of emergency. All we have, which is sufficient, is our trust and faith in Jesus Christ our wonderful Lord and Saviour. Truly we walk by faith.

Here are a few of the wonderful ways God has shown His blessings on our work. When we outgrew our basement quarters in 1957, the home-missions architectural department drew some new plans to finish the upstairs of our building. Our problem was the same as everyone else's —no money! We tried every possible source—still no money. Then, we tried soliciting funds from members and friends to be invested for us in the Brethren Investment Foundation. By faith we raised $9,000. We could get no more, and the work was already underway. What to do? We were stopped cold. But, as always "with God all things are possible." In order for us to get a loan to cover the $20,000 we needed, God saw to it that a new bank was opened just at the right time to loan us the money immediately. Now the whole city of Troy is being blessed by this new bank that God opened for our need. Just before this difficulty in getting funds, we tried to sell this present building because of only two small lots on which it was located and no opening to buy any surrounding ground at the time. In the process of



Right, top down. Sixth grade, Miss Wilma Hartley; Fourth grade, Mrs. Ruth Summer; Seventh grade, Miss Beverly Hartley; Junior Hi, Miss Luella Hein; Senior Hi, Mr. Mel Summer; Young adult and Willing Workers Class, Herman Hein, and Grace Class, Mr. Robert McBride.

selling, our neighbor next door, decided to sell the two acres to us behind the church for $2,000. He financed it for us at 4 percent interest and gave us ten years to pay. But God was not done. He gave us a Christian contractor who tithed his profits back into our work and gave us many extras that were not in our contract. Yes; God went even beyond our prayers in supplying the need during the building trials.

As important as a building is, more important are the souls that have come to Christ in this place. Since home missions took over this work here, we have seen 173 first time decisions, hundreds of rededications, and many more blessings. Let's see if home missions are worthwhile. What has it cost us dollarwise for every soul that made a decision for Christ? It cost about seventy-two dollars for each first-time decision, not counting the other blessings. Is it worth spending seventy-two dollars for a soul to live eternally? That's what your dollars have done here.

How have we grown numerically since becoming a home-missions church? At the end of 1956 we had thirty-four members. Only six men. Today we have 103 members of which forty-seven are male and fifty-six female.

In 1956 we started with a yearly average in Sunday school of thirty-eight, morning worship thirty-seven, evening worship twenty and prayer meeting ten. Our average for 1961 was 146 in Sunday School, 117 in morning worship, seventy-seven in the evening worship and fifty-four in prayer meeting.

Many young people have been saved, and families united in Him. We have six young people in Grace College this year.

We now have a building worth $50,000, two and one-half acres of land and 15,000 souls waiting for us to win them to Christ. Pray for us that we may reach out in these coming years to reach many of them.

Again we say, *Thanks to all of you for your help and prayers. Praise God again, for all He's done for us.*



Left to right: Rev. Herman Hein, son Raymond, Mrs. Hein, daughters Linda and Beverly.



The James Hampton family, the newest family added.



The Howard Schaffer family, a new family already working in the church.

Gleaned From the Troy Archives

The survey for beginning the Troy work was done by Rev. Norman Uphouse, Rev. Arthur Cashman, and Rev. Arthur Carey. The first meeting was actually held on October 15, 1944, in the Township Hall only a few blocks from the present location.

The mission board of the Central District (now Southern Ohio) assisted in starting the Troy church and in 1946 lots were purchased. Rev. Arthur Carey led the church in its first building program, and dedicated the basement on October 16, 1949. Then followed the building of the superstructure with only the basement being used until it came under the direction of The Brethren Home Missions Council.



1948 Sunday-school picnic

The church was served by Rev. Frank Brill, Clarence Curley, Donald Talbert, and Milton Ryerson during the intervening time between Rev. Carey's ministry and that of the present pastor, Herman H. Hein.



Basement unit in 1952

Home Mission Field Reports

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH. Earle Peer, pastor). Praise the Lord! We had three souls saved last Sunday (Jan. 21). This makes five persons accepting Christ since December 10. Four of the five are adults. I plan to be in Winona Lake next week and hope to have a surveyor's sketch of the property under consideration for purchase.

PARKERSBURG, W. VA. (Richard Placeway, pastor). Since January 1 we have had decisions in every service except two. A young couple and a boy have accepted Christ while at least twelve have made rededication decisions. I baptized five on Sunday, January 21, and have another baptismal service planned for February 11. The Sunday-school average for January was 187.

DENVER, COLO. (Tom Inman, pastor). The Lord continues to bless in Denver. Our morning worship attendance remains high. Another couple stepped out for baptism and church membership recently. We went over the top in our goal for missions for 1961.

TROY, OHIO (Herman Hein, pastor). "Our four-year-old son, Ray, accepted Christ and asked to be baptized. Following baptism Ray said he wanted to see his four-year-old neighbor playmate 'Woody' saved so he would go to heaven. Ray invited Woody and Woody has been in Sunday school every Sunday for the last six weeks." Wouldn't it be wonderful if every Christian could experience this burden for a buddy?

RIALTO, CALIF. (Gerald Polman, pastor). We certainly praise the Lord for a good year in 1961. Our church income increased, our Sunday-school attendance increased and our new building program got underway.

MINUTE-MAN HEADQUARTERS. Stand by Minute-Men! You will receive a letter soon with detailed instructions on your next assignment.

ISRAEL CALLS!

Lights

By Miss Isobel Fraser

As one drives through the Fairfax district of Los Angeles in the early part of December, many decorations and lights can be seen. Christmas decorations already? No; a closer observation would show the difference, for most of the decorations and symbols would be unfamiliar to you. The lights are blue and white, and many form a *menorah* (candlestick), or *mogen* David (six-pointed star of David.) Decorations on doors and hanging in windows are made by childish hands. Sometimes in the early part of the evening burning candles can even be seen—one, three, five, depending on the day. The Jewish people are celebrating Hanakah, the festival of lights.

Strange though, you do not find this Jewish celebration mentioned in the Old Testament, but if you turn to John 10:22, you will find it spoken of: "And it was at Jerusalem the *feast of dedication,* and it was winter." The historical setting for this feast occurred about 165 B.C. at which time the Macabees, a Jewish priestly family, led the Jews in a successful revolt from the Syrians after Antiochus Ephiphanes had demonstrated his greatest contempt for the Jews and their religion by sacrificing a pig upon the altar. When the Jews secured their freedom, they returned to cleanse and rededicate the Temple. Tradition says that they found only enough oil to rekindle the lamps for one day but that God performed a miracle and the oil lasted eight days, which gave them time to prepare the special oil that only could be used. Jews, since then, have commemorated their deliverance and the rededication of the Temple by an eight-day festival in which the lights are an integral part. The Lord Jesus used this occasion to bear witness to His deity, and we have found this festival another means of bearing witness to the Jews as to the person of Christ Jesus.

At our Monday discussion meeting December 4, one of the Jewish ladies lit the Hanakah *menorah* (three candles for the third day) and gave the *berokah* (blessing), and read an article that gave the significance of the eight candles. Then others were permitted to talk on the same subject. This gave opportunity for me to tell these Jewish women what Hanakah meant to me a gentile Christian.

Since Hanakah is not a Biblical observance and has no connection with the Old Testament or the law, I do have a Hanakah *menorah* that I light, which was given me by a Hebrew Christian friend. Why? Because I rejoice with the Jewish people in the deliverance that God gave them through the Macabees. To me it is a picture of a greater deliverance that God will yet give through the Messiah when He comes; and He will bring deliverance and peace, not only to Israel, but also to the whole world.

The Hanakah *menorah* has nine candleholders, and one is set apart from the others. This is called the *shamesh* (servant), and it is always lighted first and then the other candles are lighted with it. This again is a picture of the Messiah Jesus, who "took upon him the form of a servant" (Phil. 2:7) and is the Light of the world by whom we all need to be lighted. I remember Israel in prayer and pray for the peace of Jerusalem, which, of course, can only come through Messiah Jesus.

Last Wednesday I attended a Hanakah luncheon sponsored by the Hadassah as the guest of an elderly Jewish friend. The Hadassah is a women's organization and in some respects could be compared to our WMC. Its work is primarily concerned with helping the State of Israel, and one of its main projects is the maintenance of the various Hadassah hospitals in Israel. One of the main dishes was *kickel* (noodle pudding), a specialty for this season—as varied as the individuals who prepared them. There was also a lovely jello mold with a replica of a nine-branched *menorah* formed with bananas. Quite intriguing! Most interesting to me, however, was the lighting of the Hanakah and the book review that followed by the Jewess. I was quite thrilled to hear her refer to the *shamesh* as the "guardian of Israel" (see Ps. 121:3-5). Oh, that she might know who He really is. The book review was on "The Tongue of the Prophet" by St. John, who by the way is a gentile. She referred to him as a gentile sympathetic toward the Jew. I personally am not familiar with the author, and so do not know if he is a Christian. The book is a biography of the controversial Eleazer be Yehuda, who, more than any other person, was responsible for making the Hebrew language the spoken language of present-day Israel. Until he began his crusade, Hebrew was only the language of religion, and many Jews fought his attempts feeling he was desecrating the holy language.

Your prayers are coveted for this dear Jewess who took me to the luncheon. Until physical difficulties prevented, she was a regular attendant at our Wednesday evening Bible class. Recently she told me that she had tried to believe in Jesus as we do, but could not. While in the East to visit some of her family last spring, she had even talked to a rabbi regarding this; and he had tried to explain away the claims of Christ. I had opportunity to take her into Old Testament Scriptures relative to visible manifestations of God and the deity of Messiah. May His Word be "a lamp" unto her feet.

Several days ago because of Hanakah I made a special call on a dear Jewess who has moved out of our immediate area but with whom I seek to keep contact. She was quite upset because of the unrest in the world, particularly the Berlin situation. This is quite understandable, for she is among those who survived the horrors of the concentration camps. It was a joy to be able to point out to her that the place of hope and com-

fort is in the Lord and in His Word that though we believers are concerned about these events, we are not afraid. In fact, the very trend of events and circumstances increase our hope and faith in the teachings of the Bible. I was able to talk with her about the events of the end time and the false Messiah. The source of our hope is in being in the right relationship with God. Then death is not to be feared, but the gateway into the presence of God. To find this faith she needs to search the Scriptures for herself.

I have found a number of my Jewish friends afraid because of the turmoil in the world and the apparent growth of anti-Semitism in our own beloved America. May these very fears and concerns cause them to turn to the Lord and His Word and find their Messiah, the Holy One of Israel, that they might know that "the dayspring from on high hath visited us, to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace" (Luke 1: 78-79).

Where Are the Brethren in Utah?

A letter recently came to our attention from a Brethren family living in Moab, Utah. The letter read: "Do you realize there is not a Brethren church in Utah? What's the matter with our Brethren people when they move? I know it takes courage, prayer and hard work to start a Brethren church but we have a wonderful helper in the Lord himself. We keep telling ourselves we are awfully busy and you just wait awhile, Lord, for a few more weeks won't make any difference. These few weeks have now been several months and we are beginning to feel a little distant to the Lord's work. We know it is Satan whispering that *a Brethren church isn't really that important!*

We live in the little town of Moab with a population of about 6,000. The wickedness of this town would shock you—it has us. We believe God brought us here for a reason and that is to start a Brethren church. We have a large business store right downtown and would be willing to use it for a meeting place."

If you do know any Brethren living in Utah, would you please drop a line to The Brethren Home Missions Council, Inc., Box 587, Winona Lake, Indiana.

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Outstretched Hands

By Angie Garber

Morning prayer meeting closed and I walked out into the brightness of a new day. "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you . . ." The words of our last Navajo verse seemed very far removed from the peace of the morning.

Then I saw my little boy, a chubby brown lad of three years, playing with a ball and waiting for his mother to come from the service. I walked over to where he was absorbed in his game. When he saw me advancing he turned from his play to stretch his little dark hands upward. I bent down and gathered him in my arms, holding him close for a moment. But time is precious in Navajo country and, releasing him to his play, I hurried on to my tasks of the day. And those tasks? Sixty-two Navajo children in our school daily stretch forth their hands to us for knowledge, for clothing, for food, for shelter, for loving care and for the message of life and hope that only a servant of the eternal God can give. Daily it is our privilege to minister to these needs, to point them to the Saviour and to guide them in the way of life. Sometimes the work seems unending and thankless, sometimes we become weary and discouraged, but always we must stand in our place of service, remembering our call from our Lord.

If we could look into the future and see our children—sixty-two men and women—I wonder if our part today in their lives would seem unimportant. We have more children than ever, which means more work, more trials, but above all more opportunities to train them for the Lord.

But my little boy is not in school, neither is his mother nor father. All about us are more hands which need the Lord we possess. Near and far they sit in the dark not even knowing their terrible and hopeless state. Some are satisfied in their old ways, some are being deluded by false cults —all are desperately in need of the Light of the world.

Brown hands—Navajo hands—are outstretched to us constantly. Time is precious in Navajo country, for soon the night will come. Our responsibility is staggering. Keep us always before the Lord that His power may accomplish what we can never do, reaching these souls, lost and dying, before it is too late.

EDITOR'S NOTE

The above article comes from the experience of our veteran missionary, Angie Garber, who has been on the field since June 1951 and longer than any other member of the present staff. Miss Garber has worked in just about every area of the mission endeavor and has a real burden for the souls of the Navajo Indians.

NAVAJO CALENDAR

The 1962 Navajo calendars have been sent to the churches for distribution. These can be used to help fill many of the "outstretched hands." Use your calendar as a reminder to pray for the entire staff of the Brethren Navajo Mission. Use it as a means of meeting the financial budget of the mission. Place the calendar envelope in your local church offering whenever possible so it will receive credit for the gift.



Food preparation



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DATELINE



MEMBER EPA EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION

NOTICE: The national statistician feels that the pastors and churches deserve special commendation and recognition for the wonderful way in which they have responded in sending in their statistical reports. Some have sent theirs by air mail special delivery to be on time. Some who could not be on time have sent letters with reasonable explanation for delays. As of Feb. 3, the majority of all reports were in. Frankly, your national statistician has never seen, nor heard anything like it, and it is his desire to take this method of publicly commending the churches. He also requests your prayers that he may make profitable, prayerful evaluation of the figures.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, dean of Grace Seminary and College, will be speaking at the West Coast Congress on Prophecy sponsored by the Church of the Open Door, Mar. 11-18. Dr. Hoyt will also be speaking in some of our West Coast Brethren churches during Mar. 19-25.

BOISE, IDAHO. The Northwest District Mission Board is investigating the possibility of starting a Brethren testimony in the Caldwell, Nampa, or Boise, Idaho area. Anyone knowing of Brethren families living in these communities, please send names and addresses to Rev. Nelson E. Hall, 825 Ermine Street, Albany, Oreg.

PORTLAND, OREG. Rev. Neil Beery, pastor of Grace Brethren Church, reports three decisions and two new records: 86 in Sunday school and 70 in the morning worship on Jan. 28.

WINONA LAKE, IND. Lenora Humberd, daughter of Prof. and Mrs. Jesse Humberd, won the American Legion oratorical contest with a speech titled "Cure for a Sick World" presented before the Warsaw High School student body Jan. 31. Miss Humberd is a member of the Winona Lake Brethren Church.

NOTICE: Pastors and superintendents are urged to mail their next quarter's Sunday-school orders immediately to the Missionary Herald. Both Gospel Light and Scripture Press exhausted their supply of several take-home papers last quarter and were unable to fill late orders. Avoid disappointment by mailing your order now.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Dean C. Risser, 5598 S. W. Seventh Ct., Pompano Beach, Fla.

SAN BERNARDINO, CALIF. The Grace Brethren Church has recently changed the name of their Christian day school from Grace Brethren Academy to Grace Christian School. They have a new enrollment high of 58 students. Emlyn Jones, pastor.

CLAYTON, OHIO. Rev. Richard Sellers, pastor, First Brethren Church, announced his resignation to the congregation Jan. 28, which will become effective June 3.

TAOS, N. MEX. Rev. Sam Horney, pastor of Canon Brethren Church, has been honored by being included in the 1962 issue of "Who's Who in New Mexico."

PHILADELPHIA, PA. Mrs. Laura Lewis, mother of Mrs. Hill Maconaghy, Brethren missionary to Argentina, went to be with the Lord on Jan. 14. The funeral services were conducted by Robert Kern, pastor of the Third Brethren Church.

SUNNYSIDE, WASH. Leslie Moore, pastor, First Brethren Church, was called for another year as pastor with an increase in salary. The annual report of the church showed increases in all phases of the work.

The Northwest District Conference will be held here during Mar. 20-22. Present plans include using the partially finished $54,000 educational unit. Dr. Orville Jobson will be the conference speaker.

NOTICE: The East district statistician is Miss Rose Snyder, 211 Second St., Conemaugh, Pa. Please change Annual.

MILLERS, MD. Robert Kern, secretary of Northern Atlantic District Youth Committee, reports on one of the most successful endeavors among the young people in the history of the district.

On the weekend of Jan. 12, 110 young people, sponsors, and pastors gathered for a snowspiration at the River Valley Ranch here. This was a capacity crowd for the Ranch and the largest gathering of young people for any district activity. Recreational activities included horseback riding, ice skating, and so forth. The spiritual competition was at its highest with Palmyra winning over Philadelphia Third.

Many of the young people have testified as to what the weekend meant to them spiritually.

Wedding Bells

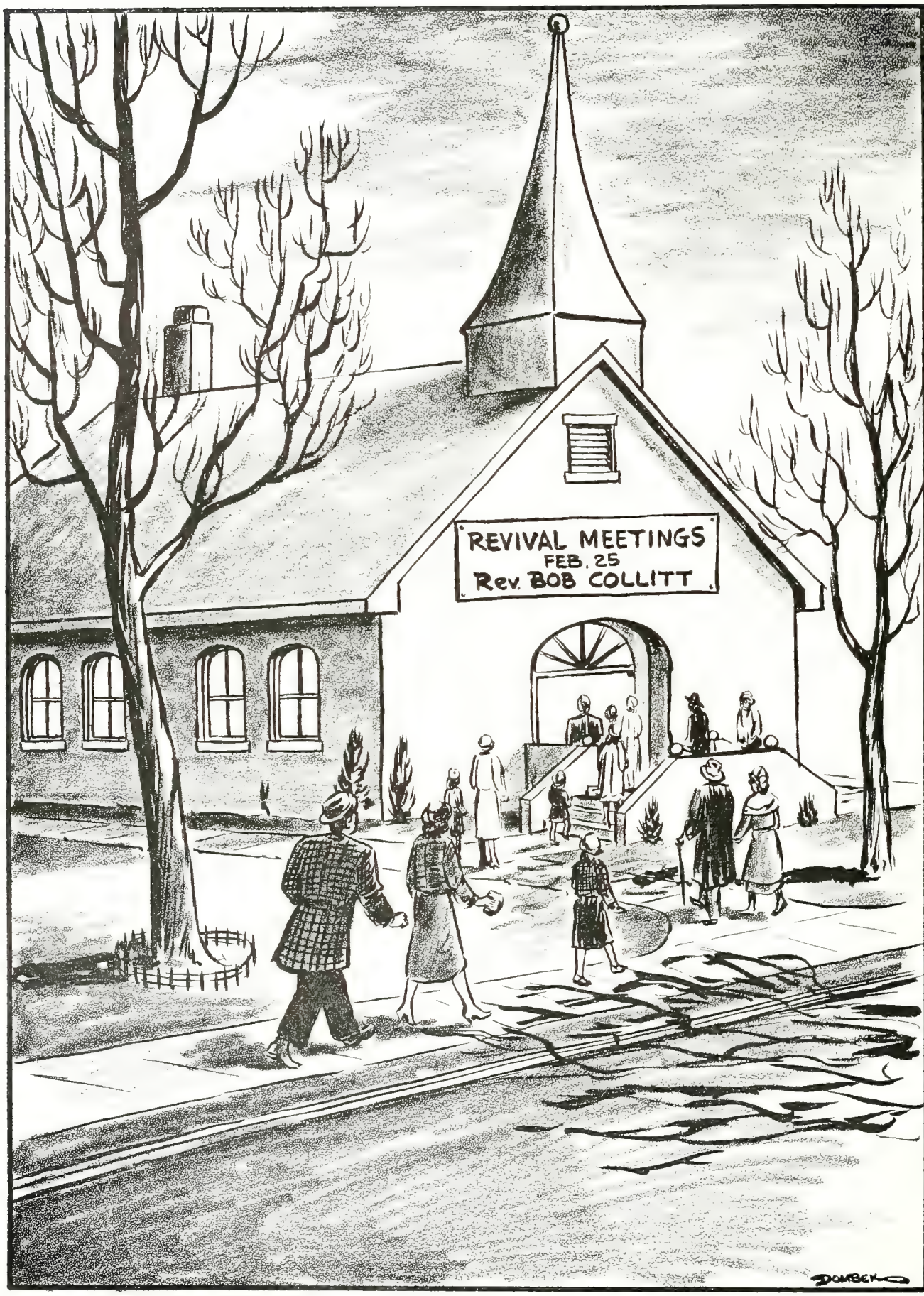
Announcements in this column are published when sent in by a pastor.

Bonnie Joy Fulk and Berkley M. Key, Jan. 4, at the First Brethren Church, Covington, Va.

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 30 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Church	*Date*	*Pastor*	*Speaker*
Waynesboro, Pa.	Feb. 15-25	Robert Crees	Herman Hein, Jr.
Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	Feb. 18-26	Ralph Colburn	B. Schneider
Compton, Calif.	Feb. 19-25	Edwin Cashman	Bob Collitt
Roanoke, Va.	Mar. 6-18	Vernon Harris	Bob Collitt
Johnstown, Pa. (Riverside)	Mar. 14-25		Ed Lewis
Garwin, Iowa	Mar. 11-18	Raymond Kettell	Bill Smith


REVIVAL MEETINGS
FEB. 25
Rev. BOB COLLITT
DOMBEK

EVANGELISM SUNDAY--FEBRUARY 25

Evangelism has just one day in the year to appeal to you for this tremendous and basic work. The national laymen's organization has joined with the Board of Evangelism in the great task of reaching the lost for Christ.

With special emphasis on revival the Brethren Evangelistic Crusade has been moving forward under the leadership of national Evangelist Bob Collitt. In a day when life is punctuated by materialism, and church rolls are padded with people who are looking for an easy religion, the words of the late Billy Sunday are especially apropos: "The church doesn't need new members half as much as it needs the old ones made over."

In a steady, definite unspectacular way our Brethren Churches have seen new commitments by Christians. A pastor, numerous church officers, pastor's wives, and scores of members of the church have stepped out publicly as the invitation has been extended.

Some churches have reported an unprecedented interest in visitation by the church members. Attendance and offerings have increased, and believers have united with the church.

Souls are being saved. A woman who the previous Sunday had transferred her membership from one denominational church to another, at 3:30 on a Friday morning was gloriously saved. Goodly numbers are finding Christ as Saviour.

But this is just a slight beginning. We must recognize that in the darkness of the hour in which we are now living, only those who have had a real experience with God, who have been truly born again, who have a real prayer life with God can hope to successfully cope with the powers set against the individual Christian and the true congregations today. If the Gospel is to achieve in our day to the glory of God, if it is to withstand the hosts of evil, it will need more than church members who have nothing but a smile of approval, and pious patronage. Christians must come out of their spiritual smugness, ruts, and pride.

The Brethren Evangelistic Crusade is on the firing line. But it cannot bring in a great wave of evangelism alone. We need the heart and soul, testimony of every layman in the brotherhood. We need the fervent prayers of every member of The Brethren Church, young and old. And we need to triple last year's offering, which will enable us to set up the framework for gathering in a great harvest of souls while the privilege is still with us. It is of little value to know all about the Bible if that does not equip and move you to win more souls for Christ.

February 25 is the day when you can show whether your sense of responsibility to Christ is something more than just words!

Make your offering count for God and for souls! Give heed to your pastor's appeal for evangelism on this particular Sunday! Laymen—cooperate with your local and national leaders in their dedication to evangelism. Take an envelope and ask the Lord what He would have you do. Remember—the sinner's time is short . . . your time is short . . . the world's time is short!

With your *prayers*, with your *gifts*, with your *testimony*—stand by the

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FACTS To Remember

His Second Coming

His Person

His Prophetic Word

The Holy Spirit makes use of two great principles of learning in II Peter 1:16 to 21. Let us look at these principles by way of introduction. Notice first of all that the word "remembrance" is used three times in our immediate context. One of the finest ways of emphasizing a truth is by repetition. The Holy Spirit is insisting that those who read this book remember certain things, so He uses this word three times. To practice remembrance is another fine way of keeping great truths that we have learned in the foreground of our thinking. This is what the Holy Spirit through Peter had in mind when he said: "Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth." In verses 14 and 15 Peter speaks of his departing from this present tabernacle. Peter was facing martyrdom and realized that his time to leave this present dwelling place was near. After exhorting the saints to remember, he sets forth certain facts that should be a reality in the minds and hearts of the believers. We would like to emphasize these facts that the Holy Spirit would have us remember.

We believe that these facts should be emphasized in our churches, for there is a similarity between the early churches and the churches of our day. Some who have made a study of I and II Peter tell us that the great difference between I and II Peter is that in I Peter the enemies of the church are on the outside but in the second epistle the enemies of the church have moved inside. That the enemies of the church are on the inside certainly is one of the great characteristics of Christendom today. The great enemies of the church today are not the atheists and agnostics on the outside, but those "ministers of righteousness" who are undermining the church from within.

Remember our Lord's Power and Parousia (v. 16): "For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." *Parousia* is the Greek word for the Second Coming of Christ.

I would have you notice that Satan was fighting the doctrine of the Second Coming of Christ in the first century. Ungodly men in the church were questioning the reality of our Lord's return. In the twentieth century this precious doctrine is still under attack. How Satan hates this great doctrine of Christ's coming that God has used to bring the sinner to a place of repentance and faith in Jesus Christ. How Satan hates this precious doctrine that causes the Christian to examine his heart and to "purify himself even as he [Christ] is pure."

Satan must certainly be pleased at the way the doctrine of the Second Coming has been abused. Today some would tell us that His Second Coming was fulfilled at Pentecost. The Holy Spirit did come at that time, but notice after Pentecost Peter in our text is expecting Him to come. Some would tell us that His Second Coming means conversion. He does come into our hearts at conversion through the person of the Holy Spirit. Peter had had this experience; yet he was looking for His coming. Some would tell us that He is coming when we die. Christ does receive the Christian's spirit at death, according to Acts 7:55-60. Keep in mind that in our context Peter refers to death as the putting off of his

tabernacle, but he also wants them to remember the Second Coming after his decease: "Moreover . . . after my decease to have these things always in remembrance." The enemies within the church in Peter's day were accusing men like Peter of following cunningly devised fables.

In Christendom today many of the great truths of the Bible are placed in the category of fable. The Genesis account of creation of the universe and the sin of our first parents are referred to time and again as myth. It is easy for those who make such claims and who do not believe in a verbally inspired Bible to also disbelieve the fact that Jesus Christ is literally coming again. It is a comfort to my heart that the Early Church had to deal with this unbelief. The Holy Spirit would have us to remember that His power and *Parousia* are facts.

Remember His person. The fact that Jesus Christ was coming again in power was easy for the Apostle Peter to believe, for he was an eyewitness of His Majesty. Peter had the glorious experience of being with James and John on the Mount of Transfiguration. He recalls in our text the honor and glory that the Father bestowed upon His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, that day. Peter was cognizant of that great principle set forth by Isaiah, the prophet: "My glory will I not give to another."

Peter refers to the Transfiguration. It is worth noting that we have three accounts of the Transfiguration. They are presented in the synoptics, Matthew, Mark, and Luke. None of these were eyewitnesses, but the Holy Spirit was careful that this event be recorded by them. Notice Matthew 17:1-2: "And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John, his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart. And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light."

Peter, being a Jew, was familiar with the Shekinah Glory of God as recorded in the Old Testament. He knew of the great light that came from the Ark between the cherubim, which marked the presence of God. Peter remembered the blunder that he had made when he said: "Let us make here three tabernacles—one for our Lord, one for Moses, and one for Elias" (Matt. 17:1-3). He refers in our text in II Peter to the answer that the Father made to him: "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." This was an experience that Peter could never forget. Peter had no trouble believing in the power and *Parousia* of the Lord Jesus Christ because he was acquainted with His person. He was very God of very God. In the day in which we are living we won't have any trouble believing in the Second Coming of Christ if we are acquainted with His person. We who have been to Calvary and have had the supernatural Christ forgive us of our sins and He has performed a miracle in our lives, it is no problem at all to believe that He is coming again in power. There is a need today to remember who He is. I realize that 89 percent in the Redbook Survey of August 1961 believed in His deity. This, however, doesn't mean too much, for they defined the word to suit themselves. Some believe that each of us has divinity within us. Peter remembered the exalted place that the Father gave to the Second Person of the Trinity. May His deity ever be before us in our minds.



BY REV. JACK K. PETERS

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Let us remember His prophetic Word (vv. 19-21). The prophetic Word is sure. The word of prophecy here refers to the Holy Scriptures and in particular has to do with the message of the Bible that has to do with the Second Coming of Christ. Notice that the Holy Spirit says that the prophetic Word is "more sure." The Holy Spirit here in order to make us realize the infallibility of God's Holy Writ speaks of it in the comparative sense—"more sure." How I praise the Lord that God's Word is sure! This truth is qualified in verse 19. The Word of God is infallible because "Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." How practical is this message to us today to remember that God's Word is infallible in the midst of a world including leaders in Christendom that would belittle it. I recently talked with a pastor of a great church here in Hagerstown about the infallibility of God's Word. I told Him that it was the safe authority in the world today. This pastor replied to me: "Now, Brother Peters, there is something more sure than the Bible." I asked him to explain, and he said: "It is my personal communication with Christ. I put more faith in what Christ says to me in the realm of the Spirit than in what the Bible says." This statement, spoken piously, would deceive the average person, but I am convinced that such a statement undermines this "more sure prophetic word" and is therefore Satanic.

We are exhorted in our text to "take heed as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts." The Greek word that is used here and translated "dark place" means a place that is dirty, dark, arid, or murky. This word describes a sinful world that is in the dark as far as the future is concerned.

Oh, the darkness that is all about us! The theological darkness that is a part of Christendom is appalling. God would have us to remember that God's prophetic Word is the light that we are to fix our eyes upon until the Lord Jesus returns for His saints and the "day star arises in our hearts." We are in the midst of darkness—the darkness of apostasy. May our Lord Jesus Christ help us to remember His Parousia, for He said, "I will come again and receive you unto myself."

Who Really Believes in One God?

By Rev. Richard Sellers

Did you ever have someone accuse you of worshiping three Gods? I did. Recently a man representing the Watch Tower Society told me that I was guilty of idolatry because I believed in the Trinity. He told me that I was guilty of breaking the first commandment which says: "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." He told me that I practiced polytheism because I called Jesus, the Son, and the Holy Spirit God even as I called the Father God.

I corrected him by saying that I did not believe in three Gods but only one. I further explained to him that this one and only God is three persons.

I then asked this man to turn to Hebrews 1:8 with me in his Bible. Just before I read the words of this verse I asked him if he were willing to call Jesus the Son God if the Heavenly Father did. Very reluctantly he said he would, but that he knew that such wasn't the case. Then I read to him the following words, "But unto the son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever."

"There you are," I said, "The Heavenly Father calls Jesus, the Son, God."

"Oh no," replied this man, "He calls him a god but he is not the God."

Isn't it strange, dear reader, how that cults, such as the Watch Tower Society, will say that Jesus is a good man and that His example is worthy to be followed, and yet relegate Him to a position among the other gods of the world. Actually what the Jehovah Witnesses (so-called) do when they refer to Jesus as *a god* is to place Him beside Baal, Dagon, and the other false gods of the world.

When I made this accusation against this man and the cult he represented, he denied the charge. "No, Jesus isn't a false god," he said, "but he is a god." This man had now made the statement which I had wanted him to make. Therefore I said to him: "I see that it is you, not me, that believes in more than one God, for you have told me so with your own lips. And yet you came here to my study and charged me with idolatry and polytheism."

This man saw that he had been caught in his own subtle argument. He became flushed about the neck and red faced. He started toward the door and was just about ready to leave. I put my hand on his shoulder and said to him, "If you will but bow yourself humbly in the presence of this Jesus, and in the sincerity of your heart say to him even as Thomas said: 'My Lord and my God' (John 20:28), he will also receive you and save your soul as he has mine." The man did not answer, but silently he slipped out the door and left. My prayer is that God will open that man's blind eyes and bring him into the light of the Gospel.



Churches IN THE News

San Bernardino, Calif.

The five meetings that Bob Collitt held in the Grace Brethren Church were blessed indeed. The Word of God was powerfully proclaimed and eight people came to realize their desperate need of full dedication unto their Redeemer. The meetings were well attended with new ones present every night. The people of God were refreshed from the Word and many victories were wrought. We praise God for sending this brother to us and pray His continued blessings on his ministry.

—Emlyn Jones, pastor

Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

We've had at least a dozen campaigns for grown-ups at Grace Brethren Church, and some of them have had special features for the children, but for the first time, January 14 to 19, we had a Youth Gospel Crusade just for the boys and girls. David Harris, of Hollywood, Florida, was the evangelist, and the services were from 7 to 8:15 each evening. Attendance was excellent, averaging 193, mostly boys and girls. Enthusiasm was great. Those who desired to make decisions for Christ were invited to remain in their seats when the others were dismissed, and each night, a number did. Each one was dealt with personally by a trained counselor. Sixty-five decisions for Christ were recorded—many from other Sunday schools, or no Sunday school. Decision ages ranged from six through fourteen, mostly in the ten to twelve age group.

The one who brought the most each night went fishing in a fish bowl filled with bright new pennies in which some nickels and dimes were scattered. They could catch all they could hold in one hand! In addition, at the end of the week, those who had the most punches in their ticket for the crusade received lovely prizes—a Bible, a picture, and a record of Bible stories.



Winners for the week were: Mark Colburn, Mike Brown, and Linda Remley (shown with evangelist Dave Harris and Pastor Colburn).

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Why God Tolerates Tyrants

To interpret current events from the spiritual perspective is to clear up a lot of perplexity and misgiving shared by earnest and sincere people all over the world. "Why doesn't God destroy dictators? Why does He tolerate tyrants?" Patience! Don't rush Providence! God is working out His plan.

Who, in our time, would ever have suspected what finally became the lot of Mr. Joseph Stalin? Cut down as he marched across his bloody stage, and then denounced, deglamorized, and debased by his own red cohorts. Robbed of his glory and removed from his venerated burial place to a potter's field. Literally "swallowed up" by his own "red sea." What an end!

In New Testament times when the "kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord and against His Christ," the believers knotted together and made this one supplication: "Grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, by stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus." They got what they asked, and Roman despotism was on its way out!

Anyone standing in the way of God's onward march is bound to get run over. He will bite the dust when his little niche in history is filled. He is doomed in advance. There is no question about his end. He will be tolerated as a tool to promote God's fame all over the world, and then be swept away! It will serve all well to recall the *how* and the *why* of that bit of ancient history when Moses was informed of God's intention regarding Pharaoh's overthrow. Here we have it, and it doesn't sound as if our "grandchildren will live in a communist world."

"I will work my portents among them, that you may *tell your grandchildren* how I made fools of the Egyptians, to teach you *that I am the Lord.*"

God's worldwide honor and glory being at stake, there is no doubt about the future. The kingdoms of the world will, one day, become the kingdom of our God and of His Christ. "And, He shall reign forever and ever." *His day is marching on!*

Clay Cooper, Digest of The World in Focus Letter

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EDITORIALS

By Russell Ogden, Guest Editor

God's Will, and Ours

One of the most amazing facts discovered in the Bible is that when the Creator speaks to His creatures, He does not overwhelm them with the manifestation of His great power and glory. It would seem that the mere realization that the omnipotent God had spoken would reduce men to helpless blobs of compliant jelly, but such is far from the case. God seems to leave them room for choice, and sometimes the choice is for man to oppose or to question God.

There are exceptions, of course, as in the humbling of Job (42:5-6), the commissioning of Isaiah (6:1-8), and the giving of the Revelation to John (1:10-20); but these are exceptional instances, and not at all typical of the usual response of independent men to their Sovereign.

Take Adam and Eve, for instance. No one in the human race has ever beheld so intimately the infinite display of the majesty of God as these two beheld it. Yet, they deliberately chose to defy His orders and face the consequences. Or take Abraham, who believed that God could give him the whole land of Canaan but argued with Him about who should be his heir (Gen. 17:1-19). Or take Moses, who could face the Shekinah Glory of the burning bush and ask God to send someone else to deliver Israel (Exod. 3:2-6; 4:13). Gideon revealed this same obstinacy in his double testing of the fleece (Judg. 6:36-40). Elijah, following the spectacular fire on Mount Carmel, complained bitterly to God of the unfair treatment he felt he was receiving (I Kings 19:10, 14).

It is a condescension beyond comprehension that the Ruler of the whole universe should stoop to speak to the microbic men who inhabit this earth, and yet speak in such gentle tones and with His might so veiled that they dare to say, "No," to His face, or suggest that He try some other plan!

We are dumbfounded when we think of those in past ages facing God with such an attitude. Yet, we may well wonder if our attitude toward God today is at all different from theirs? Does not the Bible speak His word to us just as surely as His voice spoke to them? Can we avoid facing God and answering personally to His commands any more than they could? And do we not still oftentimes say, "No," to that which He speaks, or suggest that in regard to us it would be better if He altered His plan?

God and Order

Insofar as a person is able to control the elements of his environment, his external surroundings become a reflection of his internal condition. It is by this outward projection of the inner nature that a house takes on the personality of its occupants. The well-kept or unkempt appearance of the yard, floors, and furniture tell much about the physical habits and mental attitudes of their owners. This is equally true of church buildings.

The proficiency of a cook can be seen in her kitchen. The precision and skill of a workman is revealed in the condition of his shop and tools. The state of a student's desk top and book shelf may be almost as accurate a gauge of his efficiency as an academic examination would be.

Of far greater significance, however, than the physical and mental habits, which our surroundings thus indicate, is the true condition of the soul to which these covert signs point. A person who chronically exists in an environment that is cluttered, disorganized, haphazard, and neglected most assuredly has something in his heart which is out of tune with God. God is the God of order, not of confusion (I Cor. 14:33, 40). Satan turned creation into chaos (Gen. 1:2), but God set it right again.

Turmoil in the soul of man will turn his environment into chaos. When the spiritual ministry of a church is threatened by a turbulent business meeting, it is quite obvious that the peace of God is not ruling in the hearts of the turbulent members (cf. Col. 3:15). When the power and pungency have disappeared from a pastors preaching, the clutter of his study may bear mute testimony to the reason, which lies in the turmoil of his own soul.

The way to restore order to a chaotic environment is not to work directly on the environment itself (which is the method and the limitation of human reformers), but to work upon the soul which controls this environment. This is the work of God. His method is to bring the soul into a state of rest through absolute trust in and committment to an all-sufficient Saviour (Matt. 11: 28). Then all events and things are arranged in the true perspective of their eternal values, and the life begins to function in harmony with the all-pervasive Spirit of God.

If peace and order can be brought to the soul of man, he will produce the same peace and order in his environment. If a man with a troubled soul is placed in a perfect environment, it will soon deteriorate into a ruin reflecting the depths of the ruin of his own nature. For a case in point: look around you at what has become of Eden.

We cannot by manipulation of circumstances bring the order of heaven to human hearts, but when the individual heart is subdued to God and His peace rules within, divine order will be realized in the life. The extent to which this divine order will be manifested in our environment will be in direct proportion to the extent to which we are willing to submit our hearts and lives to the complete dominion of God.



SURVIVAL SHELTER

By Benjamin Hamilton

Controversy sprang up with the distribution of the Department of Defense pamphlet titled "Fallout Protection" in the Nation's post offices. Admirers praised the booklet for its practical functionalism. Critics denounced the unreality of its ideas.

The new government document deals with physical survival. Such protection is important. The Christian knows, though, the need of security for his soul also. That safety is found spelled out in the Bible, God's manual of instruction for the soul's well-being. Dangerous times prevailed many centuries ago when Nahum prophesied. Moral decay, religious callousness, international instability were ingredients of those days.

Nahum warned officials and people that their alliances with neighboring countries were vain in the face of God's judgment. He reminded the people of a much more dependable defense: "The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble . . ." (Nah. 1:7).

Bomb shelters, correctly constructed, may defend against nuclear warfare. But there is an adversary that cement and metal cannot thwart. For the attacks of Satan are directed against the souls of Christians. Every day that the Devil seeks to defeat a follower of Christ is a time of trouble. Today, as when Nahum spoke, the Lord is an impregnable defense, the only dependable survival shelter in these critical times.

Many professing Christians fall under the pummeling of Satan. As status seekers, they want to enjoy the prestige of church membership without complete surrender to the Lord they pretend to serve. The Devil is interested in Christian workers who seek only the benefits of their own ministry because he can use them to degrade the ranks of Christ's servants.

Nahum declared that the Lord is good and added that He "knoweth them that trust in him." Here is a premium blessing for the surrendered servant of Jesus. The prophet points out that the Lord, the believer's shelter, is so thoroughly acquainted with the needs of His own that He knows how to care for him under every circumstance. Since the Lord has this special knowledge, He can (and does) supply all our requirements.

The prophet Nahum proclaimed that the benefits of the Lord's care come to "them that trust in him." The word "trust" in Nahum 1:7 bears the idea of *fleeing for refuge*. What a refuge is the Lord, the only secure survival shelter!

Centuries later, Paul declared to Timothy: "The foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The

Lord knoweth them that are his . . ." (II Tim. 2:19). In the day the Apostle brought Nahum's words to Timothy's memory the Roman empire was loaded with a multitude of conflicting philosophies. The jumble of ideas were enough to topple unstable Christians, even to infiltrate Christian communities and to weaken believers.

Christian young people who are studying in some colleges and universities today collide with intellectualism that occasionally is counterfeit and false knowledge designed to pervert dedicated Christians. Immature students, unable to segregate genuine, profitable teaching from empty philosophies, can become Satan's prime target.

Paul assures devoted followers of Christ that God's foundation is set solidly. In a California college, located where earthquakes are not unusual, the chemistry analytical balances are placed on concrete tables. The legs extend deep underground, anchored in solid bedrock. Many tremors have shaken the building, but the scales have not quivered. The foundation of God is infinitely firmer.

Nahum was right: The Lord is kind, a strong refuge in the day of distress and He knows by experience them that flee to Him for refuge.

Should We Robe Our Choir?

Question: Some of our people would like to see our choir in robes, others object strongly. Would you please discuss our problem?

Answer: I am happy to discuss this because it is a real problem to many congregations. I have observed that many churches, through a long period of discussing this and weighing every point, have finally come to agree that it was to their overall advantage to take up their use. I have never heard of a congregation abandoning their use because they were in any way detrimental or undesirable. This is one of the strongest arguments in their favor.

I would like to present the only arguments I have ever heard against choir robes, and give my answer to each:

(1) That they are an unnecessary expense. This objection can only be answered in the light of the benefits of robing the choir, and whether the benefits justify the expense.

(2) That they are uncomfortable, especially in the summer. It is my observation that a man is never more hot in a well-chosen choir robe (his coat may always be removed) than he is in a full dress suit; and a lady should not be more uncomfortable with a robe over her dress than is a man with the robe over his clothing. If there were a little dis comfort, again it might be justified by the advantages.

(3) That they are a part of modernistic formalism. We make a mistake when we equate everything in a modernistic church with the doctrine it teaches. To carry this to its logical end would require us to abandon the use of the organ, the choir, the singing of many Biblical hymns, and even the reading of Scripture. The stained glass windows in a modernistic cathedral do not create an enigma on all stained glass windows. Herein is a principle: If any form, rite, or device can be justified on the grounds of its merit, it would be wrong to condemn it merely on the grounds of its associations. If we were to abandon everything that is misused, we would have nothing left.

Musical Minutes

DONALD OGDEN

A possible fourth objection might be simply, without an attempt at logical support, "I just don't like them." This should be easy to answer. If this reflects the attitude of a congregation, it should not have them, and the few who want them should exercise a spirit of Christian grace in abiding by the desire of the group. If the church largely concurs in the desire to have robes, those who simply do not like them should be willing to unite with the rest as good co-laborers. To do otherwise would be unchristian.

There are many worthwhile benefits to be derived from the use of choir robes. Many have come to feel that they are the only practical answer to the most common objections to the appearance of the choir:

(1) The objection that hem lines, sleeve lengths, and neck lines are often distracting to worshipers as they look at the choir. Robes are the most modest attire available. This factor alone convinces more pastors than any other.

(2) The objections that colors and styles of clothing distract the worshipers. Robes produce uniformity of dress. A well-chosen color will blend into the church appointments and make a positive contribution to a unified atmosphere.

Another benefit not to be overlooked is particularly evident to the choir director. The assignment of robes gives the choir member a stronger feeling of the responsibility that is upon him to fulfill a given role. In addition, it helps him to feel confident that the choir makes a good appearance. These factors do much to encourage faithfulness and the best possible efforts in this spiritual ministry.

It would seem to me that the weight of logic is on the side of robed choirs in our churches, if the necessary funds can be obtained. If someone should object that the money might better be used for foreign missions, I would call attention to the interesting observation that our African Brethren are robing their choirs.



The disciples John and Peter by Albert Durer 1523-26

If Any Man Will Be My Disciple . . .

By Miss Ava Schnittjer

Alarming figures concerning the increased crime rate in America appeared in a recent report from J. Edgar Hoover.

Major William Mayer, an army doctor who examined many P.O.W.'s under communist control reported that scores died—not from starvation, nor disease, nor mistreatment, but from a strange malady which he called "give-up-itis." Four out of ten Americans in one group turned their faces to the wall, wrapped a blanket around themselves and within forty-eight hours died.

An increasing number of suicides has been reported in colleges, and immorality is common, even on the high school level.

Those who have studied these problems have analyzed the causes as lethargy, lack of principle or sense of values, and lack of a sense of personal responsibility.

It is common to evaluate the delinquent, the obstreperous youth, the neglectful parent, and so on as lacking a sense of personal responsibility. But all the P.O.W.'s who died weren't delinquents. All of the suicides were not among the carousing type of students; and immorality among high school students has been no respecter of persons so far as social strata are concerned.

What about the "nice" people?

Could there be such a lack in the youth leader who hesitates to assume and maintain authority over the group? in parents who discover their children engaging in practices of which they do not approve, yet hesitate to restrain them just because other parents don't? or in parents who restrain them just because other parents are restraining them, without teaching the sense of values, the principles behind the restraints? or in the teachers who permit misbehavior in the classroom because they do not seem to feel they have authority to correct or forbid?

Could the pattern of our lives be a mere reflection of the group with which we associate, a comfortable pleasant way of existence without friction, a kind of sloppy kindness that feeds on sentimental appreciation, rather than a compelling loyalty and submission to Jesus Christ our Lord?

As Christians we claim allegiance to Christ as our Lord and to the Bible as our rule for faith and practice. We are told to "submit yourselves to God" and to teach others to "observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

. . . When A— got into trouble morally, people were surprised, for she had always been a "nice" girl. But she had never been taught nor had she learned the discipline of denying any desire of the moment.

. . . No one worried about M— because he always studied hard and pleased his parents with good grades, but when he committed suicide before final exams, a Christian neighbor realized that no one had taught him, line on line and precept on precept, that he was an immortal soul, that God places great value on human life, and that he is accountable to God for his life.

. . . And the "ordinary American" P.O.W. who turned his face to the wall and died just didn't find life in the flesh worth retaining in those circumstances and he didn't know real life.

Of Jesus it was written: "Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; and being made perfect, he

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STRATEGY and TACTICS

By R. Wayne Snider



In 1939 Winston Churchill observed that Russia "is a riddle wrapped in a mystery inside an enigma." At first glance the Kremlin can present quite a confusing picture, but some unraveling of the mystery occurs when the observer recalls the distinction which the High Priest of Russian communism made between strategy and tactics. Lenin has laid down the classical definition of these two terms to be followed by all Communists.

The term "strategy" refers always to the ultimate goal, or the overall objective, of the Communists. This of course is the establishment of a world state of communism. Since the appearances of the Bolsheviks in 1903, this strategy has never changed. No matter who has assumed the responsibility of leadership, be it Stalin or Khrushchev, the goal has remained the same.

Just two years after the November Revolution in Russia, Lenin's lieutenant, Zinoviev, said: "We are willing to sign an unfavorable peace —It would only mean we should not put trust whatever in the piece of paper we should sign. We should use the breathing space so obtained in order to gather our strength so that the mere continued existence of our Government would keep up the worldwide propaganda which Soviet Russia has been carrying on for more than a year."

Stalin was just as blunt when on a later occasion he presented his view as to diplomatic agreements and the intention of the Communists in keeping them: "Words must have no relations to actions—otherwise what kind of diplomacy is it? Words are one thing, actions another. Good words are a mask for concealment of bad deeds. Sincere diplomacy is no more possible than dry water or wooden iron."

Khrushchev, in speaking before a group of East Germans in September 1955 gave his opinion: "If anyone believes that our smiles involve abandonment of the teaching of Marx, Engels, and Lenin, he deceives himself poorly. Those who wait for that must wait until a shrimp learns to whistle."

These quotations show graphically the direction which Russian communism is determined to follow until every country has fallen under the banner of the Red Flag.

The second of these two terms, "tactics," is defined by Lenin to mean the course of action which the Communists follow as determined by the circumstances of any given instance in history. This is what Lenin called his "One step—two step" policy. To him it was perfectly acceptable to retreat one step today in order that an advance of two steps might be made tomorrow. Therefore, it is seen that in the case of strategy there is never a change, but in the case of the tactics which are used to pursue the strategy, there are many alterations which have, and will, occur throughout history.

A few illustrations of shifts in tactics would serve to make clear how these changes take place. One of the earliest and most dramatic was Lenin's New Economic Policy which was put into operation in 1921. Communism had moved into power in Russia in 1917, but by 1921 the agricultural production was only 45 percent of the rate in 1913, the year before World War I started. Industrial production was just 31 percent of the 1913 level. In order to save Russia for communism, Lenin felt that it was necessary to take one of his steps backward. This came in the form of the New Economic Policy which included some of the most definite aspects of capitalism. By the year 1928 the agricultural and industrial levels were restored to the 1913 rate.

A second, and no less dramatic, shift in tactics occurred in June 1941 when Russia was faced with the German invasion. The Russian Orthodox Church, the state church of Czarist

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458 STUDENTS ENROLL; MAYER OPENS SEMESTER

The spring semester at Grace Seminary and College, beginning on January 22, has opened with an overall registration well above that of the corresponding time a year ago. The grand total now stands at 458, of which number 336 are in the college and 122 in the seminary.

The total is a little below the record 485 for the fall semester, but this is normal. The second semester never quite reaches the total of the first semester of any year.

The present enrollment of 458 is the most ever recorded for a second semester. The previous record was 426 in the spring of 1961. Not included in the above total are twelve students of the seminary who are not in residence but who are pursuing post-graduate work off campus.

The new semester got under way with an impressive joint Convocation Service held in the spacious gymnasium, Tuesday morning, January 23, at which Major William E. Mayer, M.D. of the United States Army spoke. Mayer was the chief neuro-psychiatrist of the Army in charge of the Task Force in Tokyo responsible for rehabilitation of returned American prisoners of war. An estimated 1000 were present for the occasion.

—Dr. Homer Kent, Sr.

GRACE COLLEGE CAGER BREAKS SCHOOL RECORD

With 1:08 gone in the Goshen-Grace game on February 7, the Lancers' sophomore forward, Glenn "Chet" Kammerer let fly with a twenty-foot jump shot that cut the cords, giving the Lancers a 4 to 1 lead.

It was Chet's second bucket of the evening, and with the shot, went a new school scoring record on the books. With that shot, Chet knocked in his 513th point of the season, eclipsing the former record set just last year by Toby Kidder.

Kammerer went on to score 26 more points in the game against Goshen. He hit 13 of 19 field attempts for his typical field goal percentage of 68 percent.

Kammerer now must look to new horizons—the State record. He needs only 161 points in his remaining seven games to tie the Indiana scoring record set six years ago by Bailey Robertson, older brother of Oscar.

Defying critics who "poo-poohed" his early season consistency, "Chet the Jet," has scored, scored, and scored.

Small as forwards go (6' 0"), he has gone over, around, and you-name it to score against boys that exceed him by five to seven inches. With his consistency and playing on the hardest-tasked Grace team of history (29 games), Kammerer has also become the best scorer of Grace history—and might possibly be also in the State.

—Phil Landrum

GRACE BIBLE CONFERENCE

A very profitable, fruit-producing Grace Bible Conference on the Grace Campus resulted in more than ten first-time decisions to receive Christ as Saviour and countless other indications were made of the work of the Holy Spirit in lives.

Dr. Torrey Johnson was the Bible

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GIFTS TO GRACE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

January 1962

	General Fund	Building Fund
Allegheny		
Aleppo, Pa.		39.00
Grafton, W. Va.	1.00	
East		
Leamersville, Pa.	132.75	
Everett, Pa.	11.00	6.00
Indiana		
Flora	56.00	
Fort Wayne (First)	35.00	
Peru	23.50	
Osceola	39.00	
Warsaw	53.50	
Wheaton, Ill.	65.00	
Winona Lake	100.00	
Iowa		
Leon	1.00	1.00
Waterloo	84.50	19.50
Winona, Minn.	6.00	
Michigan		
Alto		9.00
Lake Odessa	54.63	7.00
New Troy	144.00	
Mid-Atlantic		
Winchester, Va.	383.05	5.10
Nor-Cal		
Modesto, Calif.	123.25	
Sacramento, Calif.	7.50	
Tracy, Calif.	241.85	
Northern Atlantic		
Allentown, Pa.	99.45	
Hatboro, Pa.	31.00	6.00
Lancaster, Pa.	3.00	
Palmyra, Pa.	245.00	
Philadelphia, Pa. (First)	315.00	29.00
Philadelphia, Pa. (Third)	50.00	
Northern Ohio		
Akron (Fairlawn)	2.00	
Akron (First)	611.20	
Ankenytown	90.50	9.00
Barberton	5.00	
Canton	105.00	
Elyria	158.00	
Wooster		25.00
Northwest		
Harrah	30.00	
Toppenish	5.00	
Southeast		
Hollins, Va.	234.08	17.00
Limestone, Tenn.	25.00	
Southern California & Arizona		
Artesia	3.50	3.50
Bellflower	47.75	
Compton	58.59	
Gardena	15.00	
Inglewood	142.00	
Long Beach (First)	1,194.75	13.00
Long Beach (North)	820.12	
Seal Beach	8.00	
Temple City	10.36	
Whittier (Community)	56.68	
Whittier (First)	34.00	
Southern Ohio		
Clayhole, Ky.	24.25	
Clayton	215.39	373.70
Dayton (North Riverdale)		100.00
Dayton (Patterson Park)		5.00
Englewood	219.43	
Vandalia	25.50	
Miscellaneous		
Puerto Rico	5.00	
Isolated Brethren	2.50	2.50
Non-Brethren	118.00	
Student Body Offerings	39.67	
Miscellaneous and Anonymous	99.05	
Totals	6,711.30	670.30

DESIGNATED FUNDS	
Winona Lake, Ind.	45.44
Hatboro, Pa.	15.00
Canton, Ohio	37.50
Mansfield, Ohio	215.00
Clayton, Ohio	166.31
Non-Brethren	60.40
Total	539.65

3 WAYS TO BUILD A DORMITORY

Your help in building the proposed dormitory for Grace College can come in any of three ways:

1. PLEDGES

Pledge cards can play a big part in the planning. If you can't give or invest now, fill in a pledge card with the amount you will give. The building committee can then plan on your part. Cards are available.

2. INVESTMENTS

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3. GIFTS

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TOTAL COST OF DORMITORY IS $450,000

IF ANY MAN WILL BE MY DISCIPLE . . .

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became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him" (Heb. 5:8-9). It was through obedience to the will of God that He established His perfection and became the author of eternal salvation.

Anne Sullivan, after several weeks with her wild, untamed, undisciplined charge, said that Helen Keller must learn obedience and submission before Anne could teach her anything else.

It seems that the greatest need in Christendom is for obedient, dedicated, disciplined Christians—disciples—those who will daily endure the hardness of denying self and submitting to God and the Word; who having presented their bodies to God will bring every thought into obedience to Christ, will deny the ungodly self-responses of envy, pride, bitterness, selfishness, inordinate ambition, and learn of Him meekness and lowliness. This obedience is a hard, clean, fiercely joyous thing; it will manifest itself in a love for others that knows that their happiness and their good, too, depend upon their obedience to God.

A Christian leader had occasion to talk to several young people in the way of correction. As the group joined in prayer at the close of the session, one young person prayed, "Thank you, Lord, that — loves us enough to reprimand us and to talk to us about these things."

Could it be that we have allowed lethargy and lack of faith to paralyze the operation of our own sense of personal responsibility and our communication of such a concept to those around us?

We have the answer: Greater is He that is in us than he that is against us. Then why aren't we succeeding in spreading Christianity?

Because we are not obedient. Because our minds are not captive to Christ. We may have presented our bodies to Christ, but our minds are our own—and worldly. Our culture is undisciplined and materialistic, and we are reflecting our culture. There is a shallowness in our *thinking* that compartmentalizes the priorities of God. Our lives are geared or related too much to materialism, and Christianity is a comfortable way of life.

We need more examples among adults of the real idea of Christianity, the depth and height of which are almost unimagined by young people because they have so few examples. Especially do we need those who will allow their minds to be disciplined by Christ. God has given us intelligence, creativity, imagination. When a Christian's mind is submitted to Him, when he casts down evil imaginings, profitless daydreams and indulgences, and brings his mind into captivity to Christ and the Word, then Christ can enlighten that creative imagination, direct the dreams toward greater goals of service and the desires of the heart toward their accomplishment.

May our commitment to God, to His Word and to the teaching of His Word, and to the practice of its principles be a deep abiding commitment that manifests itself in a consistent life and an enduring patience that will keep us faithful, worthy to be called examples, willing to encourage and love others, especially young people, into the difficult yet joyous life of discipleship.

STRATEGY AND TACTICS

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Russia, had been disestablished, its members persecuted, and the patriarchate abolished when the Bolsheviks seized power. In 1941 there really was only one bond that would unite the Russian people to resist the invaders. This was the church. Stalin re-established the patriarchate, a new patriarch was selected, and religion became once again a respectable profession. The appeal was sent forth calling the people to rise up and defend "Mother Russia." The sop of religion was used to save Russia and its communism. History has recorded how successful this appeal has been.

In both of these incidents there was no thought in the mind of Lenin, nor Stalin, that Marx's attitude toward capitalism and the church should be revised. The shift in tactics was a necessity brought about by the circumstances of a historical moment. Is it not strange that two of the most avowed enemies of the Communist—capitalism and religion—should be called in to save the sick old man of communism on what might have become his deathbed? Or is it strange?

Perhaps even more startling a shift in tactics than those already mentioned is the one brought about by Khrushchev when in February 1956 at the Twentieth Party Congress he began to denounce Stalin, a campaign which reached its climax last fall at the Twenty-second Party Congress with the removal of Stalin's body from its resting place beside Lenin's. In the light of Soviet history it would not be a distorted view to conclude that this is designed to lead the Free World to think that things have changed so much in Russia that it is possible to peacefully co-exist. Stalin is dead. He is the one who was responsible for all the problems arising out of the Cold War. So Russia and the Free World can do business now. What could be more disarming than setting forth such a picture.

It is possible, then, to see with some degree of clarity the course of world events and the role which Russia is playing in the unfolding of history.

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speaker for the week, and Dr. Frank Gaebelein delivered the Bauman Memorial lectures. A Christian Journalism Conference closed the week on February 2.

The alumni held their annual business meeting during conference week. About forty-five seminary alumni returned for the event.

—Knute Larson

Newsmakers

MEMBER EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION

ASHLAND, OHIO. The Northern Ohio District conference will be held at Grace Brethren Church, Miles Taber, pastor, Apr. 5-6, 1962.

FALLBROOK, CALIF. Pat Doney, a graduate of Bob Jones College and Seminary and a member of the First Brethren Church of Long Beach, has accepted a call to become pastor of the Brethren church here. He began his ministry Jan. 14. A nucleus of about six families is anxious to increase the testimony of this church.

DENVER, COLO. Thomas Inman was extended a call from the Grace Brethren Church to continue as pastor another year. Mr. Inman begins his tenth year of ministry in this church.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Charles Thornton, 943 Winchester Road, Galion, Ohio.

MARTINSBURG, W. VA. The Mid-Atlantic District Youth rally will be at the Rosemont Brethren Church Feb. 24. Rev. Irvin Miller is the host pastor.

VANDALIA, OHIO. The Vandalia Grace Brethren Church has extended a pastoral call to Sherwood Durkee and he has accepted. He will assume full-time pastoral duties June 1. Mr. Durkee has been supplying the pulpit on weekends in conjunction with completing his studies at Grace Theological Seminary.

WINCHESTER, VA. Dr. O. E. Phillips conducted a four-day Bible Conference at the First Brethren Church here Feb. 18-21. Paul E. Dick, pastor.

MANSFIELD, OHIO. M. L. Myers, pastor of Woodville Grace Brethren Church, reports the growth of the church here during the past four years. He states that since 1957, the membership has increased by slightly over 100 percent; morning worship service attendance has increased 92 percent, Sunday school, 55 percent, and the evening worship, 75 percent. There were over 100 decisions and 99 baptisms during this same period.

TAHQUITZ PINES, CALIF. A Brethren Ministers' conference was held here Feb. 5-7. The following ministers spoke briefly on "An Idea Which Has Proven Successful in My Ministry": Robert Miller, Robert Kliewer, Richard DeArmey, Ward Miller, Dale Henry, Gerald Polman, Robert Hill, Harold Dunning, Lewis Hohenstein, and Robert McCormick. Glenn O'Neal and Harold Etling delivered the major messages of the conference.

HOLLINS, VA. The Patterson Memorial Brethren Church, William Byers, pastor, has just completed the erection of the steel on the proposed $65,000 new church building. No loan has been needed for the cost of the building. Over $6,000 was received in the building fund during the last three quarters. The new church will seat 400. The present plans call for completion of the building during the year 1963.

NOTICE: Information on the 1962 Vacation Bible School courses has been placed in the mail to all pastors. The Brethren Missionary Herald is again mailing all VBS materials postage free, and giving full credit for all returns. Also, if you need VBS items in a hurry, phone the Missionary Herald COLLECT and your material will be shipped by fastest possible method.

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ENDS EARTHLY PILGRIMAGE

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

SWANK, Mrs. Jennie, went to be with the Lord, Jan. 28. She was a member of the First Brethren Church of Johnstown, Pa. for many years.

—James Sweeton, pastor

GOCHNOUR, Mrs. Amanda, a long-time member of First Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa. went to be with the Lord Feb. 4.

—James Sweeton, pastor.

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 30 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Church	*Date*	*Pastor*	*Speaker*
Hollins, Va.	March 2-4	William Byers	Youth Team
Hollins, Va.	March 5-9	William Byers	Jerry Falwell
Wooster, Ohio	Mar. 11-25	Kenneth Ashman	Lex Smith
Leon, Iowa	Mar. 18-25	Glen Welborn	Bill Smith
York, Pa.	Mar. 18-Apr. 1	Herman Koontz	B. Schneider
Kittanning, Pa.	Mar. 20-Apr. 1	William Schaffer	Bob Collitt
Cedar Rapids, Iowa	Mar. 25-Apr. 1	Roy Dice	Bill Smith

Foreknowledge and Predestination

"Whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son" (Rom. 8:29).

God has full knowledge. He knows everything in the past, present and future. He knows the end from the beginning. We have past knowledge, God also has foreknowledge. We have memory. Foreknowledge is memory reversed.

God can look down through the future of any of His creatures and know how they will react under any circumstance.

A man may wish to make a statue of Abraham Lincoln, so he goes to the stone quarry. His past experience has taught him how certain stones will respond to his chisel and with this knowledge in mind he selects a block of marble.

As soon as he selects that stone, he pre-determines its destiny to stand sometime in the city square —the exact image of Lincoln.

And so does God "elect according" to His foreknowledge (I Pet. 1:2). He chooses men according to His purpose, and knows how each will respond to His chisel of circumstances. When God thus chooses, He pre-determines the destiny of that person to sometime be conformed to the image of His Son. And the results are certain, for when He begins "a good work in you," He will perform it unto the end (Phil. 1:6).

The man knows how the stone will react to his chisel, so he knows whether to strike with a hard or a soft blow.

God knows how His material will react. If God wants patience, He sends tribulation, for "tribulation worketh patience" (Rom. 5:3). He knows who will become bitter like Job's wife and just "curse God and die" (Job 2:9). He knows who will "faint not" (Gal. 6:9), but with patience "endure" the testings and receive the crown (James 1:12).

Mystery

But there are mysteries here that lay far deeper than the human mind can probe. We might seek to multiply illustration after illustration and never draw near the full explanation of all that is involved here. Thus it is well that we remember that our salvation is not presented to our intellect, but to our faith. When we read something in the Bible that we cannot understand, we just accept it in faith.

Our salvation is absolutely up to God, for "neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him." But the very next verse puts it all up to man: "Come unto me all ye that . . . are heaven laden" (Matt. 11:28).

Verily, the sovereignty of God and the free will of men present a

problem that no man can solve. Someone has said it is like a pitched roof, we see both sides coming together, but they meet above the clouds. God does not predestinate anyone to be lost. He knows ahead of time how each individual will respond, but He does not force them to decide.

God had promised the seed of the woman would redeem the world (Gen. 3:15). How zealously God defended that line as Satan struck and struck and struck again.

The line to the Redeemer flowed through Isaac's household. The most precious thing in all the world to God was that line. But Isaac was growing old and must someday pass the line on to his son. Twins were soon to be born into that home. Which of these two boys will carry the line to the Redeemer of the world?

Jacob and Esau

God could see not a trace of appreciation of spiritual values in the life of Esau, but in Jacob He saw a spark of true faith, so He chose Jacob even before the boys were born (Rom. 9:11).

God moved in the life of Jacob in such a way so as to fan that spark into a flame, and at the end of Jacob's life we find an old man "leaning upon the top of his staff" for very age, full of faith and worshiping the God of heaven (Heb. 11:21).

Two little pups frolicked about in their nest. It was just two more dogs than I wished. However if one would develop along certain lines, I might be persuaded to keep it.

I watched them day by day, and it seemed the lighter one would better fulfill my purpose. Later I chose the darker, and still later I did not know which dog was better. But had God made the choice, He could have looked down into their lives before they were born and would have selected the dog that would fulfill my purpose.

Choosing Pharaoh

God is omnipotent, or all powerful. But power is invisible and can be seen only in manifestation. Thus when the little babe Pharaoh was born, God knew he would be king over a powerful nation, and also knew that Pharaoh would use that power against Him. He would show His power in overcoming the gods of Egypt and thus God's might would "be declared throughout all the earth" (Rom. 9:17).

It was the other way when the babe Abijah was born. When God looked ahead in his life, He knew that Abijah would make a good king, but God could better use a wicked king at that time, so He let the little boy die (I Kings 14:13). Thus God, through His unerring foreknowledge selects whom He knows will fulfill His purpose and pre-determines their destiny according to His purpose.



BY REV. R. I. HUMBERD
Flora, Indiana

Salvation From Eternity

Nothing ever surprises God. Long before Adam was created, God knew that he would sin. God had our salvation all worked out, and that our Lord would be the "Lamb slain from the foundation of the world" (Rev. 13:8).

Years ago, a train, made up in Richmond, Indiana, ran up through Grand Rapids and on up into northern Michigan. Passengers were carried out of the hot dry climate of the south, up into the wonderful cooling breezes of northern Michigan for a wonderful weekend trip. The train would meet the return train north of Grand Rapids. One night a telephone rang in a little signal station along the road.

"Hello."

"Hello. Has the train passed yet?"

"No; I have been sitting here all the time."

"Would you go look?"

A few moments later, the answer came back. "I do see smoke, I must have been asleep."

"Oh, horror of horrors," came the voice at the other end of the line. We must get ahead of that train, for the return train is coming and there will be a fearful wreck."

Frantically, the two men worked at their telephones. But it was far into the night and the telephones came to an end in little grocery store along the way.

Finally, realizing their failure, they telephoned to the headquarters of the division in Grand Rapids. Frantically he worked at the telephone. He realized his helplessness. Finally, he had several cars hitched to a big engine that stood in the yards, all steamed up and ready to go.

He got every available doctor, every nurse, stretchers, and medical supplies and soon he had a hospital train speeding down the rails after the Pullman train.

But how foolish. Those people in the Pullman train were enjoying the wonderful cooling breezes of northern Michigan. Some were asleep in their berths. Others were meditating on the prospects of a wonderful day on the morrow. But here was a hospital train, speeding after them with all the force its engine could supply.

"Oh," cried the president of the division, "it looks like they will come together in a certain pass." And they did at a combined speed of one hundred twenty miles an hour.

Verily, if the president of that division knew there would be a wreck and had a hospital train speeding down the rails long before the wreck took place, does it seem impossible that God could do the same thing and have the hospital train of our salvation speeding down the tracks, long before Adam had ever sinned?

Verily, how we rejoice in God's foreknowledge, for if He did not know the future, His offer of eternal salvation would be of no value.

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HUBARTT

THE PRISONER

By J. W. Mellick

While it is true that the Apostle Paul when a prisoner in Rome at times was well acquainted with dismal prison walls and dangling chains of iron, we wonder if there is not a deeper meaning in referring to himself as a prisoner.

Perhaps these outward conditions, imposed by Rome and permitted by God, were but outward symbols of an imprisonment as real to Paul as the one involving stocks and chains, privations and sufferings. Paul was conscious of a blessed imprisonment of which the world does not know.

Captured

On the Damascus road, the would-be captor ladened with fetters and chains meant for others, was himself captured. His heart was fettered with truth concerning the Christ! The soul of Saul of Tarsus was shackled by a not-to-be-forgotten experience. His faith was fastened to Him whom he had before persecuted! It was a "march of triumph" for the Lord, as Saul blinded and humbled was led a captive to the house of Judas on a street called Straight. This dramatic arrest holds no small place in the Book of Acts.

If there had been headlines in heaven, they might have read: "Saul of Tarsus, Chief Enemy of the Church Captured!" or Saul of Tarsus Taken Prisoner While Fighting Against the Lord!"

How differently Saul returned to Jerusalem.

Chained

Paul speaks boldly, and yet lovingly to Festus and Agrippa. Agrippa says: "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian."

Paul wished that Agrippa and all who heard him that day might be Christian.

Paul's chains of iron did not hold him a prisoner of Jesus Christ, but he was held by the commission and the "heavenly vision" to which he was "not disobedient." Had those invisible chains not held him, there would have been no occasion for the others.

Oh, that all of God's people were bound to Christ with the blessed chains of a clear, sharp vision and heavenly commission! How much a keen sense of responsibility and privilege is needed today!

Confined

Walls of confinement, as well as chains, were the lot of the Apostle, but again, these were in Paul's life only because of unseen, stronger walls. We hear Paul affirm this in writing to the church in Corinth: "For the love of Christ *constraineth* us" (II Cor. 5:14). This word "constraineth" is the same that is translated "throng." Paul was "walled in" or, confined with the overwhelming immensity of Christ's love for a sinful world! These thoughts thronged and pressed upon him.

Chastened

It is not easy to conceive of God chastening His "prisoner." We have taught ourselves that service to Christ should somehow immunize us from anything trying and unpleasant from God. From the world we expect suffering. When our Bibles lay open at II Corinthians 12:1-10, however, we see the story —a different story. The Lord had taken Paul into His confidence, and revealed to him secret things of heaven. God knew the dangers of His servant's self-exaltation. He removed His sheltering hand to a degree, as in the case of Job, and Satan had the chance to buffet Paul.

In three earnest seasons of prayer, Paul sought unavailingly for the removal of this "thorn."

This "messenger of Satan" not only served as a deterrent to pride, but it so thoroughly removed all self-confidence and self-sufficiency that there was room made for an abundance of God's grace. Paul came to welcome an adversity or impossible situation because it made human ability a waiting void for God to fill.

When God needs a place to display His grace, whether it be power, or patience, or something else, He may make a place. He may permit Satan "limited access" "that the power of Christ may rest upon us" so that when we are weak, we are really strong! A "messenger of Satan" may be "the hand of God" for our good and His glory.

Choice

The prisoner's choice is not his own—it is that of his captor's, and this was Paul's experience as he moved in harmony with heaven. To him, any would-be "disappointments" were considered as "His appointments."

There is a motto which reads: "God gives His best to those who leave the choice with Him." Our sight is too short and our reasonings too inadequate to dare to choose apart from the will of God.

•BOOKSTORE EVANGELISM *By Ethel Emmons*

What Makes You the Way You Are?

The parcel post man stepped in with a load of packages for us; I was typing at the time and rose to meet him. I said: "Oh, you have brought me some work. I am glad."

He dropped the packages on the counter and then turned and looked at me for a moment. I wondered why. Then he said: "I want to ask you something. Whenever I come in here you always greet me cheerfully, and if the weather is bad you sympathize with me. No one ever greets us with a smile. Don't you know people are grouchy and never bother with one another? Tell me now, what makes you the way you are?"

I was astonished for a moment and could not say anything. But quietly I said to him: "I am happy and I have a good reason to smile. It is the Lord in my heart that makes me what I am."

He then began to speak of going to confession, but always he sinned again and he could not understand why he could not ask God anytime and anywhere to forgive him. He said this just bothered him until one day his priest gave a good sermon on going to confession. The priest told him that they—the priests—were like psychiatrists in that they helped to calm people and to take away the fear of approaching God.

"There is one thing wrong with that," I said, "it is this: the Lord Jesus Christ is our Mediator between God and man. There is only one way to approach God and that is through Jesus Christ."

He interrupted me only once to remark: "Right now as I listen to your voice and look at your face, you have something I do not have. I would like to have what you have."

I told him I had God's wonderful salvation provided through Christ Jesus, that I knew I was a sinner at an early age and I had asked Jesus Christ to come into my heart and life. I asked him whether he ever read the Word of God. He said he did not like to read. "But if you knew someone had a wonderful message for you that would assure you of eternal life, would you not like to know about it?" He looked up with a very surprised look on his face. I told him that God's Word declares that "whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

At this point a customer came in. To my amazement the postman lingered until the customer left and then he said: "Tell me this—do you not feel sometimes that you would like to go out to a tavern or nightspot and have a drink and a good time?"

"No; I have never once had such a desire. Why should I? Christ so satisfies my very heart and soul that I do not need those things to give me a good time. You tell me this, if I did go would it not bring into my life sorrow, sin, and heartbreak?"

He lowered his head and said slowly, "Yes; it would."

After awhile he left the store. But fifteen minutes later he came back. He said he wanted to hear more. When he left the second time he said: "I will come in again with more packages and will talk with you some more." Such a hungry heart! We are praying that the next time his eyes may be opened to understand the way of salvation.

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The Divine Channel of Power

We are constantly straining to devise new methods, new plans, new organizations to advance the church and secure enlargement and efficiency for the Gospel. This trend of the day has a tendency to lose sight of the man, or sink the man in the plan or organization. God's plan is to make much of the man, far more of him than of anything else. Men are God's method.

When God declares that "the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him," He declares the necessity of men and His dependence on them as a channel through which to exert His power upon the world. This vital urgent truth is one that this age of machinery is likely to forget. This forgetting of it is as baneful on the work of God as would be the striking of the sun from its sphere. Darkness, confusion, and death would ensue.

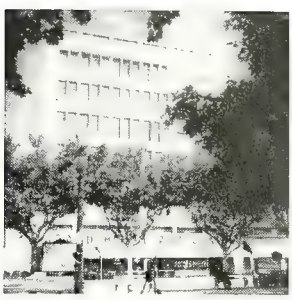
What the church needs today is not more machinery or better, not new organizations or more and novel methods, but men whom the Holy Ghost can use—men of prayer, men mighty in prayer. The Holy Ghost does not flow through methods, but through men. He does not come on machinery, but on men. He does not anoint plans, but men—men of prayer.

An eminent historian has said that the accidents of personal character have more to do with the revolutions of nations than either philosophic historians or democratic politicians will allow. This truth has its application in full to the Gospel of Christ; the character and conduct of the followers of Christ Christianize the world, transfigure nations and individuals. Of the preachers of the Gospel it is eminently true.

The character, as well as the fortunes, of the Gospel are committed to the preacher. He makes or mars the message from God to men. The man makes the preacher. God must make the man. The messenger is, if possible, more than the message. The preacher is more than the sermon. The treasure is in earthen vessels, and the taste of the vessel impregnates and may discolor. The man, the whole man, lies behind the sermon.—E. M. Bounds

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"INCREASE IN"

It was said of Jesus that He "increased in" (Luke 2:52), and a pattern was set for all men and for the Lord's work everywhere. "Grow," "Add to," "Multiply," and "Increase" are all members of the same normal family. Christian work is not static, it cannot be; if it is, it does not belong to Christ, for He is the Lord of growth. Living things grow. When things cease to grow they are no longer alive.

Brethren Foreign Missions has demonstrated life by its growth. In a very humble beginning some fifty-three souls banded themselves together in a desire and goal to help evangelize a pagan world. That was in 1900. The growth has sometimes been very slight if viewed in a single life, a single church, or for a single year. But in the decades since the organization of The Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church there has been a tremendous amount of overall growth. Nineteen-sixty-one was probably the greatest year of the sixty years of our history, though even in this victory year there were many sorrows and many disappointments.

"To INCREASE"—this is our goal for 1962, and for the years ahead. This is Biblical, and it is right. We yearn that each member of the Society and The Brethren Church shall have the blessing that comes from an *increase* in the volume of prayer for foreign missions, and in the total giving for the carrying of the Gospel to the ends of the earth. We yearn that the leaders of every congregation shall have as a goal to *increase* in its participation in Brethren foreign missions. We yearn that every district shall determine that its totals shall *increase* year after year.

Some ninety of our Brethren churches *increased* in their total offerings to foreign missions during 1961. A similar number showed *increases* in 1960, 1959, 1958, and so on. The reader will therefore probably say: "Why are you then asking for *increases?*" While a large number *increase* every year, there are others that show terrible losses. Often the loss in one congregation is as much as a dozen congregations will *increase*.

Our plea, therefore, is for a consistent annual *increase* in foreign-mission giving in every congregation, and for every year. Thus far we have said nothing about the amount or rate of *increase*. If there is an *increase* in the giving of every congregation every year, there is every reason to believe that all the needs will be met, and there will be a normal *increase* in the effectiveness of all areas of foreign missionary activity.

However, during the sixty years of our history the average annual *increase* has been about ten percent. On the basis of the past there is a feeling that there is a normal anticipation for a ten percent *increase* in 1962, and the years ahead. Do you want a prayer goal for your Brethren foreign-mission giving? Why not, as an individual, as a congregation, as a district, have a goal to *increase* your annual giving by at least ten percent. In our foreign-mission giving let it be said of us that we

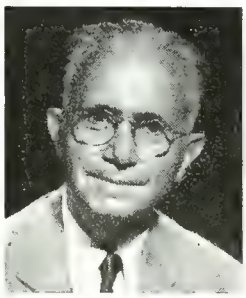
CHURCHES SHOWING INCREASE

These churches gave this much more for Brethren Foreign Missions in 1961 than 1960

1.	Mansfield, Ohio (Grace)	$15,596.25
2.	Whittier, Calif. (Community)	5,300.94
3.	Sunnyside, Wash.	2,381.32
4.	Winona Lake, Ind.	1,756.98
5.	Rittman, Ohio	1,608.03
6.	Uniontown, Pa.	1,573.27
7.	Washington, D. C.	1,454.47
8.	Wooster, Ohio	1,394.15
9.	Fort Wayne, Ind. (First)	1,306.35
10.	Osceola, Ind.	1,255.89
11.	Harrisburg, Pa.	1,191.73
12.	Philadelphia, Pa. (First)	1,190.41
13.	Modesto, Calif. (LaLoma)	944.33
14.	Leesburg, Ind.	857.14
15.	Warsaw, Ind.	846.35
16.	Middlebranch, Ohio	839.95
17.	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	838.87
18.	Long Beach, Calif. (Los Altos)	789.91
19.	Inglewood, Calif.	759.05
20.	Ashland, Ohio	728.53
21.	South Pasadena, Calif.	698.13
22.	Ankenytown, Ohio	681.73
23.	Wheaton, Ill.	592.26
24.	Winchester, Va.	590.40
25.	Conemaugh, Pa.	575.85
26.	Bellflower, Calif.	561.10
27.	Hagerstown, Md. (Calvary)	550.80
28.	Clayton, Ohio	487.86
29.	Lansing, Mich.	476.45
30.	Norwalk, Calif.	470.19
31.	Phoenix, Ariz.	447.51
32.	Palmyra, Pa.	438.96
33.	Dayton, Ohio (North Riverdale)	436.99
34.	Kettering, Ohio	378.97
35.	Jenners, Pa.	361.86
36.	Everett, Pa.	322.05
37.	Anaheim, Calif.	319.54
38.	Lake Odessa, Mich.	316.56
39.	Waterloo, Iowa	297.92
40.	Radford, Va.	273.48
41.	Parkersburg, W. Va.	255.00
42.	South Bend, Ind.	243.04
43.	Barberton, Ohio	237.04
44.	Listie, Pa.	233.13
45.	Trotwood, Ohio	211.44
46.	Aleppo, Pa.	199.87
47.	South Gate, Calif.	188.03
48.	Duncansville, Pa.	184.65
49.	Dallas Center, Iowa	180.75
50.	Tracy, Calif.	167.66
51.	Glendale, Calif.	160.28
52.	Toppenish, Wash.	159.56
53.	Modesto, Calif. (McHenry Avenue)	155.96
54.	Covington, Va.	155.56
55.	Altoona, Pa. (Grace)	154.69
56.	New Troy, Mich.	141.84
57.	Galion, Ohio	125.80
58.	Clay City, Ind.	116.78
59.	Kittanning, Pa. (North Buffalo)	113.84
60.	Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio	103.86
61.	Hopewell, Pa.	102.60
62.	Beaver City, Nebr.	96.25
63.	York, Pa.	93.12
64.	Dayton, Ohio (Grace)	84.48
65.	Meyersdale, Pa. (Summit Mills)	82.61
66.	Washington, Pa.	75.98
67.	Accident, Md.	75.00
68.	Virginia Beach, Va.	74.33
69.	Alexandria, Va.	72.25
70.	Roanoke, Va. (Wash. Heights)	70.42
71.	Conemaugh, Pa. (Pike)	69.48
72.	Sacramento, Calif.	69.24
73.	Kokomo, Ind.	66.23
74.	Los Angeles, Calif. (Community)	65.50
75.	Garwin, Iowa	64.35
76.	Seattle, Wash.	58.30
77.	Spokane, Wash.	49.49
78.	LaHabra, Calif.	42.35
79.	Pompano Beach, Fla.	41.12
80.	Danville, Ohio	41.00
81.	Portland, Oreg.	40.68
82.	Alto, Mich.	39.90
83.	Allentown, Pa.	37.41
84.	Gardena, Calif.	35.31
85.	Stoystown, Pa. (Reading)	33.49
86.	Grafton, W. Va.	31.09
87.	Elyria, Ohio	29.41
88.	Hollidaysburg, Pa. (Vicksburg)	28.25
89.	San Jose, Calif.	27.44
90.	Englewood, Ohio	22.80
91.	Grand Rapids, Mich.	16.69
92.	Hagerstown, Md. (Gay Street)	13.89
93.	Albuquerque, N. Mex.	3.50
94.	Troy, Ohio	2.93
95.	West Alexandria, Ohio	1.93
96.	Albany, Oreg.	1.75

Trying To Run - -

A Hospital Without a Surgeon



By Dr. Floyd W. Taber

Nobody but missionaries would be dumb enough to try.

Anyone knows a hospital has to have a surgeon. Without one it is not a hospital.

But we have been trying to carry on at Boguila for the past six months without one, and it is heartbreaking. And we have six months more to go.

Two years ago Dr. Mason started operating. Right from scratch he had all the surgery he could do—along with his manifold other duties. People far and near soon learned that at Boguila there was a SURGEON, and they came from as far as 250 miles. Some were carried in baskets as far as fifty miles.

Some arrived almost dead after having been in need of emergency surgery for days. The hand of the Lord, along with the hand of the surgeon, and the after-surgery night watches on the part of the missionary nurses, raised up many that had seemed hopeless.



Boguila surgeon at work

Then after a little over a year had gone by, the Masons went on furlough. I was trembling to think of the many who would go beyond the point of no return while I was taking them over seventy miles of nearly impassable African roads to the nearest government hospital.

Believe it or not, in six months we have had only three patients to take to the government hospital.

And the others? They soon learned by the grapevine that there was no longer a surgeon at Boguila. And they simply stay and die in their villages.

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When the Masons come back from furlough, there will again be a surgeon at Boguila. But what is ONE in such a vast country? Just one drop of water in the desert.

One drop of water in the desert will not quench thirst, but it proves there is such a thing as water.

One surgeon in the heart of Africa can save only a few lives, but he proves there is someone who cares. People who live much too far away to profit from surgery at Boguila will learn that there is a man with a different color skin, who comes from a distant foreign land, and who loves Africans better than their own black brothers do.

A surgeon in the heart of Africa cannot heal the open sore of the world, but he can prove there is such a thing as love. And that is the thing Africans do not know, and need to know.

When God wanted to tell people what love is, he found no word in human language to express it. So, he gave an object lesson. He sent His Son, who is love.

A surgeon in the heart of Africa who carries in his heart the Son of God can *show* the Africans what you could never, never *tell* them—that God is love.

No man, not even an angel, can do anything more or anything better than to reveal God. But a surgeon in the heart of Africa can do something else in addition. He can multiply himself.

Africans are extremely clever imitators. They can learn to imitate the skillful hands of the surgeon. And after a much longer time, they will learn to imitate his love.

So there will not just be one surgeon who can minister to people within a radius of fifty miles. There will be Christian surgeons going out in all directions, robbing death of his prey, and showing forth the love of Christ.

What wouldn't you give to be a surgeon in Africa?

THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

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FORT WAYNE MH'ERS PRESENT SKIT



From left to right: Bobby Bobbitt, Becky Payne, Linda McNeal, Robert Foote, Patty Cook, and Virgil Osborn.

The active MH group of the First Brethren Church in Fort Wayne, Indiana, presented the skit, "The African Hut," in their church. In the picture above you see their "hut" and six of the children who were in the skit. Two of them weren't there when the picture was taken.

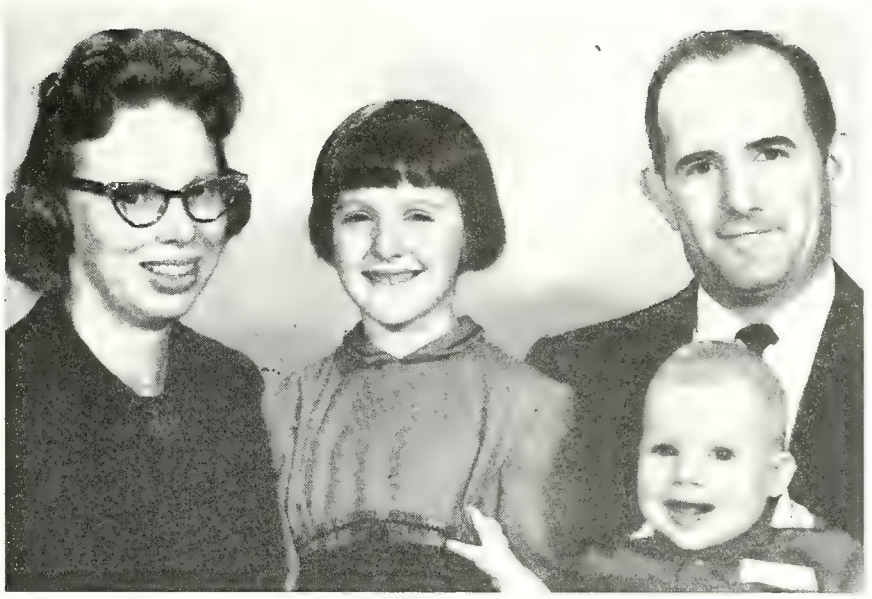
Each child was dressed in native costume to look the part being played. The African boy had a mixture of cold cream and cocoa on his face, arms, and legs so his skin would look like an African child's.

The children had a great time giving this skit. Mrs. Bertha Rockey, their leader, says the MH'ers are praying that through this program their church will be rechallenged for the work of foreign missions!

MARY MISSIONARY— C K L



More Laborers for Argentina's Harvest



The Fay family

A sinful world is lost and dying without a Saviour, turmoil and apostasy are rampant, and many fundamental Christians believe the coming-again of our Lord Jesus Christ must be near, very near. But is it the time for us to give up and say, The task is too tremendous, it can never be accomplished and we'd better quit trying!

No! We do not believe we should give up—nor that we should even be satisfied to maintain the status quo. We do not believe this would be pleasing to our Lord who commanded us to go "into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

And so it is that The Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church is still in the business of sending out missionaries. We are thankful to our God that He is sending us yielded, dedicated, prepared young people who have heard His call for service.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Nelson Fay and their children, Sylvia, age eight, and Benjamin, who will be one year old this spring, are missionary candidates for Argentina upon whom the Lord has had His hand in a most unusual way. Mr. Fay has already spent the greater portion of his life in Latin America. The son of missionaries working with the New Testament Missionary Union, he was born in Paraguay and reared in Argentina. He studied in business school there, worked in secular occupations, and married; then he and his wife came to the United States, settling in Southern California.

After they were living in the States, the Fays became acquainted with a young missionary candidate, Marjorie Hurlbut, who was en route to Argentina. They kept in touch by correspondence after her departure for the field.

Some time later tragedy came in the lives of Mr. Fay and little daughter, Sylvia, when the Lord took the wife and mother unto himself. This experience brought about an adjustment of spiritual values for Mr. Fay, and under growing conviction he yielded his life to the Lord. He entered Biola Bible College for missionary training.

Then the missionary, Miss Hurlbut, entered the story again. Somehow the contact was re-established, and correspondence flourished between California and Argentina. Before Marjorie returned to the U. S. for furlough following her term of service, she and Mr. Fay had become engaged by mail.

Miss Hurlbut's background had included graduation from the University of Redlands and a year of schoolteaching, following which the Holy Spirit convicted her that she had earlier promised her life to the Lord's service. After two years in Biola, she spent a summer in Practical Missionary Training in Cuba and stayed on there for a year teaching missionary children. She applied to the Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society for service in Argentina and was accepted. After a year in language school in Costa Rica, she proceeded to the field. She spent a happy term serving in Jujuy Province, in the extreme northwest corner of Argentina, but because of the way the Lord was leading her, she resigned from the CBFMS upon her return to the States.

The marriage of Miss Hurlbut and Mr. Fay took place in June 1960. A couple of months later they moved East so that he might study in Grace Seminary. During their residence in Winona Lake Mrs. Fay has taught Spanish in the Brethren Elementary School in Warsaw and young Benjamin has been added to the family.

The regular foreign-mission offering maintains our present program. You are now being challenged to give over and above this to send these fine new missionaries to Argentina where they are so desperately needed. Truly they are laborers well prepared to serve the Lord in that land. You are being given the opportunity to contribute toward purchasing their outfit and sending them on their way. *One dollar per member of every Brethren church* is the amount being suggested that you give. How many members are there in your church? We present to you this goal—one dollar for each member! What great things can be accomplished for the Lord if our Brethren people will rally to this cause!

Missionary Mailbag

Bossangoa, Africa

I'm on vacation, but I'd hate to think of a vacation without doing something called work.

Yesterday the (Don) Millers and I came over and plan to be going on to Bouca and Batangafo.

This morning we loaded a few books in the car, took an African (church member here at Bossangoa) along, and we headed for the market place. We paid the ten-franc rental fee and chose our spot in the shade of the big open building in the middle of the market place.

We were soon surrounded. In a matter of *minutes* our Testaments were gone. I returned to the Mission for more. Within an hour I made the third trip back for more books. In two and one-half hours we had sold seventy New Testaments, twenty-four songbooks, seventy-six *Trompettes,* forty-nine *Versets Bibliques,* ten of the new little books, *Jesus Airi Adisciple ti Lo,* and a number of other books, amounting to a total of 12,740 francs, or over fifty dollars. What opportunities we are missing by not having bookstores in every post in our part of Africa! The people *want* to buy books. We were all but mobbed this morning—absolutely surrounded by men, women, and children during the whole time; yet not one book was taken without being paid for, as near as we can tell. Is it not highly probable that the Word contained in all these books and pamphlets and the *Trompette* will touch hearts that would not have been touched otherwise? We need prayer and financial support from folks at home that we might take advantage of the opportunities open to us.

—Miss Rosella Cochran

San Juan, Puerto Rico

Our people are becoming more and more interested in the Bible study on specific books of the Bible and their relation to the whole Word of God. For the past few months I have been leading them in an introduction to each book of the Bible. We are up to Daniel now, and I find their interest increases with each book as they see the relation each book has with the whole. I've found all kinds of confusing ideas in their minds, such as the Babylonian captivity in Egypt and the prophets in chronological order, and so forth. I believe I told you before we are using a colored chart, a painted bed sheet, showing the size of each book in relation to the other.

—Rev. James Dickson



Cotijuba Island, Brazil

Greetings on a cool winter day. I'm working on the front porch and it finally turned so cool that I sent Tim for my shirt!

Our nearest neighbor's house burned down one afternoon this week and the poor people had to watch it burn without help. They yelled, but we couldn't hear them because of the wind and noise of the surf. We couldn't even see the smoke because the trees are so tall around our house.

I had my three island preachers at the national conference. They were used a little in the meetings and the missionaries quizzed them on the doctrines of the Brethren. I think the missionaries were right pleased, and I know that the conference was a big shot in the arm for the islanders (five men, two women, and three children). We're just now organizing our three churches (Cotijuba Island, Santo Antonio Bay, Possum Island), and last week had our first communion service. To me, at least, it was the most blessed I've ever attended. It was at the home of one of the brethren who lives on Jaguar Island. The meal was of *canjica* and *cafe.* The former is right good (first time I had it, too), made of corn meal, grated fresh coconut, coconut milk, cinnamon, served cold and firm, having been poured hot into the little tin plates we bought for the occasion. The communion tray was made by an island carpenter.

—Rev. Bill Burk

Huinca Renanco, Argentina

Well, after many months of traveling and waiting we are finally settled in Huinca Renanco. It is not a big town and none of the streets is paved. The mail comes in every day by horse and wagon. On the average we have a dust storm once a week. The cars in the town are few and old. There are some new ones here and there, mostly foreign cars, but on the average the horse is the main character. We are situated next to a theater and a dance floor. On top of the building is a loud speaker for propaganda and music, which is on almost all day except

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during siesta time. It is a town of approximately 5,000 people and our church is the only gospel testimony in the town. The Catholic church is about three blocks from us, and it is well attended by many.

We have just returned from spending a wonderful week at the young people's camp in the mountains. It certainly was a time of refreshing as we watched the young people participate in the Christian activities with great interest. And we were able to rejoice as we saw the fruit of the years, faithful years spent by our missionaries preaching the Gospel. The young people were divided into four groups and each night a particular group presented a Bible story or a Bible truth. The comment of all was: "It was the best young people's camp we have ever had."

We have another work in Canada Verde that so far I have not been able to attend to. It is only twelve miles away; yet the transportation problem is terrible. I have a bicycle, but twenty-four miles is quite a jaunt on a bicycle. The bus leaves at 11:30 in the morning, but the next bus that returns arrives in Huinca around midnight. So you see, we need transportation to carry on the works that have been started down here.

—Rev. Clark Miller

Boguila, Africa

We have been very busy here at Boguila since returning from field council, as far as missionary guests are concerned. This is the time of the year when many of them get their physical examinations. Then there have been several missionary parties from other missions for dental care. Last Thursday the new ambassador Burns, who is our American ambassador to the Central African Republic, went through here on his way to Fort Lamy. There were three other people with him from Leopoldville, the Danish Consul and his wife, and a Mr. Godfrey who is connected with the American embassy in the Congo. They seemed to be delighted to be "out in the country" after being in Leopoldville almost constantly in the short time they've been here. I gathered from the conversation that things are not very well settled in the Congo, and pray that the peace and quiet that we have here may be enjoyed. This is apt to be a very bad year because of the failure of the cotton crop. The cotton man from Bossangoa told Dr. Taber that they can only expect about one-third of what they have usually received. Of course, the taxes have not been lowered and so things are getting a little tense. I just mention it that you can be aware of the facts and remember to pray for this situation.

—Miss Mary Cripe

BY REV. TOM JULIEN

Visually Presenting The Christmas Story

"What kind of a Christmas program should we have this year?" That was the question being discussed by three or four of us at Lyons, France, last October.

Recalling an idea once used by a friend of mine, I suggested that instead of doing the usual Christmas program we make a series of colored slides of the children in the various roles of the Christmas story, and present them along with a tape recording.

The idea was accepted, and I spoke of it a few days later with a worker named Wim Auceps of the Bible Christian Union. He was enthusiastic and invited us to Champfleuri, their summer camp near Grenoble, promising to make the costumes and help with the photos.

Accordingly, on a cold but clear All-Saints Day, several carloads of children arrived from Lyons at the mountain camp, eager for work. We rounded out the cast with a few children and several sheep from the neighborhood. With the help of Mrs. Julien, who fed thirty people, we made it to the end of the day—worn out but having completed our task. The only serious casualty was Herod's beard, which, as we found out when the pictures were developed, was pasted on crooked in the last-minute rush to finish things.

If we were enthused when we planned the program, we were even more enthusiastic when we received the developed pictures. The costumes and backgrounds seemed nearly perfect. "What a shame, after all this work, to only show them once" we thought; thus, from that moment on we started making arrangements to show them in as many places as possible. In all, this program was shown over thirty times by ourselves and others in churches, homes, and meetings in villages. Only God knows how many might have for the first time understood the true meaning of Christ's coming because of these slides.

Doubtless the most interesting showings were in village meetings. With the cooperation of Mr. Auceps we rented cafes, town halls, and village theaters. Attendances ranged from twenty to over sixty, except for two showings which we had during the week after Christmas. In fact, in one of these latter two we showed the program in a room adjoining a bar and the only ones who came to watch and listen to Mr. Fogle's comments were those who could tear themselves away from their bottles.

Needless to say, these meetings provided some interesting experiences. One night we were in a hall so cold that our vocal ensemble, composed of Mr. Auceps, Mrs. Julien, myself, and three friends, looked like teapots every time we opened our mouths. The people's hearts were warmed, however, and many bought literature after the meeting. Another time we hunted without results for the town hall where we were to have the meeting, and finally found that to get there we had to "wade" across a barnyard and walk through an old stable. There we found an ancient plank door on which someone had smeared "CINEMA" in red paint.

In this business, one learns to be harmless as a dove but wise as a serpent. On a certain Saturday afternoon invitations were passed out in a village high in the mountains. The following evening we braved heavy fog and treacherous roads to reach the cafe where we were to have our meeting only to find to our dismay that the doors were locked shut. In response to our questioning, the proprietor explained feebly that his wife was sick, and that we could not have our meeting. Then, in the next breath, he said: "You *are* Protestants, aren't you." It seems that the local priest had seen our announcements when he came to the village to say mass that morning. Needless to say, we were more careful afterwards, and passed out our invitations on the same day of the meeting.

We cannot say as yet what results these meetings have given. Each person attending was given a Gospel and a card offering him a New Testament. We know that the message of salvation was presented, and that many listened attentively. Some were surprised, such as our Catholic neighbor, who said: "Why, this story is the same as the story we have in our churches." We intend to re-visit all these villages in coming months with films and other programs. Will you pray with us that this means of presenting God's Word will bear fruit?



One of the village theaters where the Christmas program was shown

THE BIG NEWS

MEMBER EPA EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION

LANSING, MICH. A Round Robin Missionary Conference was held at the Grace Brethren Church here during Feb. 11-18. Dr. and Mrs. Harold Mason represented the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church. J. Ward Tressler is pastor.

RICHMOND, VA. Mr. John Everett Beezely, father of Mrs. Gerald Teeter, went to be with the Lord on Jan. 14. Mrs. Teeter is the wife of Gerald Teeter, pastor of the Findlay Brethren Church, Findlay, Ohio.

LONG BEACH, CALIF. The Southern California-Arizona District WMC Rally and Annual Men's night was held at the First Brethren Church here, Feb. 19. A missionary fair with displays of all foreign- and home-mission activities of The Brethren Church was the big attraction. Dr. Orville Jobson, our former Africa field superintendent, was the special speaker.

FINDLAY, OHIO. Gerald W. Teeter, pastor of the Findlay Brethren Church, has been called to serve the church for the sixth year with an increase in salary.

OSCEOLA, IND. The Indiana Fellowship of Brethren Churches district conference will be held at the Bethel Brethren Church, May 1-2. Scott Weaver will be the host pastor.

SATUS PASS SUMMIT, WASH. Phillip J. Simmons reports that eighty Northwest youth met at Brooks Memorial State Park, Feb. 2-3 for an overnight snow rally. Seattle, Harrah, and Yakima were the top teams in Bible Quiz tournament.

CONEMAUGH, PA. The Singer Hill Brethren Church, Glenn Byers, pastor, received a $500 gift for the building fund in memory of a lifelong member of the church.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. Mr. Clyde H. Dennis, founder of Good News Publishers, Westchester, Ill., died during the early morning hours of Wednesday, Feb. 14, 1962 at the UCLA Hospital here. He was 48 years of age. The cause of death was complications following a long illness of hepatitis.

Mr. Dennis was president of the worldwide tract and Christian literature ministry of Good News Publishers for about 24 years.

WINONA LAKE, IND. Frenzied basketball fans are gripped with "Hoosier Hysteria" as the Indiana State Basketball Tourney continues at fever pitch. I'm quite sure the same is true in nearly every community in the United States.

I'm wondering if there's a top-notch *Christian* athlete in your area who is either a junior or senior in high school? This unique combination of Christian character and athletic ability is rather difficult to find in this day and age. If you know of such a boy, please write to Coach Dick Messner, Director of Athletics, Grace College, Winona Lake, Ind. Any information you can give along this line will be greatly appreciated.

MARTINSBURG, PA. The First Brethren Church, John Terrell, pastor, was host to the East district overnight youth rally Feb. 9-10. This was the biggest youth rally in the history of the East district with 200 young people in attendance. The Martinsburg church provided overnight lodging for 165. A well-planned program of activities and inspiration resulted in a highly successful overnight rally.

JEFFERSON CENTER, PA. Leonard Bennett, pastor of Calvary Brethren Church here, has resigned to accept the call to become the pastor of the Reading Brethren Church, Stoystown, Pa.

AKRON, OHIO. The WMC ladies of the Fairlawn Brethren Church sponsored a youth banquet Feb. 10. Twenty-nine young people were in attendance. John Burnett, Jr. of Clearbrook, Va. was the guest speaker. Dr. Raymond Gingrich is pastor.

Wedding Bells

Announcements in this column are published when sent in by a pastor.

Patti Rice and Theodore Ross, Feb. 10, at the First Brethren Church, Canton, Ohio.

ENDS EARTHLY PILGRIMAGE

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

BOWSER, Mrs. Hamilton, 73, a faithful member of the First Brethren Church, West Kittanning, Pa., departed this earthly pilgrimage Feb. 8. She was a charter member and deaconess.

—William Schaffer, pastor

WEIMERT, Mrs. Romaine, 56, was called to her heavenly home Jan. 5 following a long illness. She was a member and for many years secretary of the Grace Brethren Church of Altoona, Pa. Rev. Homer Lingenfelter conducted the funeral service.

GARDNER, Charles, 73, departed this life Feb. 6. He was a member of the First Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa. for many years.

—James Sweeton, pastor

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BY REV. FRANCIS M. BRILL, Pastor

TOTAL MISSIONARY GIVING PROGRAM

. . . in the Summit Mills Brethren Church

Brethren, rejoice in the Lord with us, for another step upward in the great work of the Lord has been made in the *missionary* giving ministry in our church. At the 1962 annual church business meeting the congregation accepted the challenge with the goal of $1,500 for *missions* for this year. In order for you to better understand why this was a great step on the part of the local church, I would like to share with you the background for this action. I would also like to share with you the decision of the congregation as to where the gifts received will go.

In the fall of 1960, I received in the mail from the Back to the Bible Publishers a new booklet on *missionary* giving entitled "Triumphant Missionary Ministry in the Local Church" by Norman Lewis. In this booklet Mr. Lewis has gathered testimonies from a number of different churches concerning the missionary programs they have used to increase their missionary offerings. Each of these churches have used at least the following two methods to obtain the desired goal, a greater missionary offering: (1) each uses in some form the *faith-promise plan* for missionary giving, and (2) the annual missionary conference. The booklet with its message so stirred my own heart and my own thinking that I began to pray and to plan how we might use these principles here in our own church with the goal of reaping the same results—an increase in our missionary offering. I also purchased a half-dozen copies for the members of our congregation to read. They too were challenged and encouraged by the message of the booklet.

The methods described by Mr. Lewis are not new in our Brethren fellowship. Several years ago the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church sent out a tract entitled "How God Taught Me To Give." Today this organization has available material on how to organize and promote a missionary conference. We have heard the testimony of a number of our Brethren churches which have had missionary conferences.

Dr. L. L. Grubb, in his fine little booklet on "Let's Build a Brethren Church," gives as the first procedure in the chapter dealing with "How Can Our Church Be Made Self-Supporting?" the following exhortation: "First in order to obtain the maximum in growth, each Brethren home-mission church must be a missionary church." Again Dr. Grubb writes: "Missions is the primary business of the church. This missionary vision must be without limits. God, technically speaking, has one missionary program. Giving to missions both home and foreign should be a year round weekly process even though home missions is especially stressed at the Thanksgiving season and foreign missions at the Easter season. God does not deal in missions by seasons but reaches out for the souls of men continually. Envelopes for weekly missionary giving should be provided by each Brethren home-mission church for its members."

Brethren, I believe that this is the answer to the financial needs of the different *faith* organizations in our Brethren church; that is, by every believer giving week by week to the cause of missions. As stated in the

above quotes from Dr. Grubb's booklet, this is the program the Home Missions Council emphasizes. This is the method of giving which is being promoted by the majority of the missions which we are seeking to support in our program. Mr. Lewis also says to set a goal for missionary giving. Thus at our 1962 annual church business meeting the local church with its members have set such a goal for the entire year.

In January of 1961 the official board of our church made a recommendation to the congregation to set the goal for that year for missions at $1,000. This set goal was then prorated and divided as follows: 35 percent for foreign missions, 35 percent for home missions, 20 percent for Grace Schools, 5 percent for Publications, and 5 percent for Local Missions. Yes; there were those present at that meeting who were quite skeptical in that they doubted very much whether or not we could reach that goal because there were pressing needs here at home. (Quite a few of our people told me at the end of 1961 that they did not believe we would be able to reach the $1,000 mark when the goal was set.)

Yes; it would be quite an accomplishment if our small congregation would reach that goal. However, I believe that most of those present in that meeting accepted the challenge as from the Lord. Even at the present time I am unable to say just what percentage of the congregation participated throughout the year in this venture of faith in missionary giving.

Did we reach our goal for 1961? Not only did the Lord enable us to reach our goal, but He also added an extra $11.21 to strengthen our faith for this new year. As we studied the results of using this faith-promise program with the believers giving week by week to missions for just one year (1961), we found several very interesting facts. In the first place by setting a goal for the year our giving to missions increased in 1961 over that given to missions in 1960 by $242.54. In 1960 we gave according to the seasonal periods and with no set goal to be reached. Thus the offerings for 1960 were no greater than the ones for 1959. Let us remember when setting a goal: "Nothing ventured, nothing gained." In the second place, it was interesting to find that our members gave more to local needs with an increase of over $500 over 1960. This I believe was the source of the greatest fear of setting a goal for missions. We were thinking, "If we give to missions that amount, we shall suffer in meeting the financial needs here at home." How often we have heard others say that when you increase your giving to missions, your income for local needs will increase. We of the Summit Mills Brethren Church know that this is true by experience.

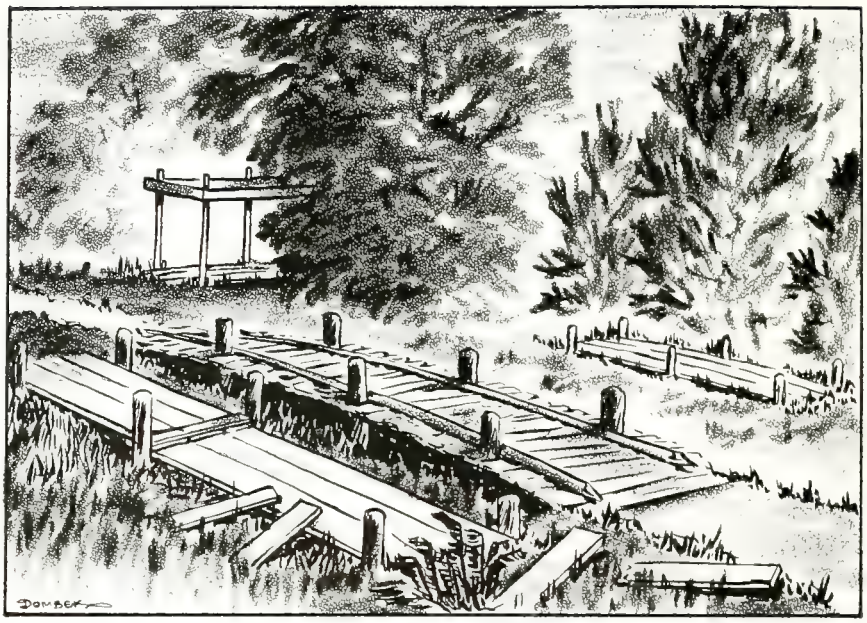
As you have read this article, you may have noticed that we only placed five of our faith organizations in the program for 1961. We felt that these five would be a good place to start. And we went over-the-top with each prorated goal with an increase over the previous years as follows: 20 percent for Foreign Missions, 25 percent for Home Missions, 210 percent to Grace Schools, and 19 percent to Publications. Yes; by praying and giving weekly we were not only able to reach our goal, but also to go over-the-top for 1961.

"We
TALKED
Missions—
PRAYED
Missions—
DISCUSSED
Missions"

To help promote missions during 1961 we used the following means to keep the need before the people: (1) We used the printed bulletins given free by the different mission boards; (2) we showed color slides of three or four home-mission churches at least once a month; (3) we used the color slides of the different foreign-mission fields which we obtained from the foreign-missions office. We posted the prayer letters from our missionaries on the bulletin board. We remembered the missionary goal during the mid-week Prayer Meeting. Also we placed in the church bulletin from week to week the amount given to missions the previous Sunday, the amount given for the year, and the amount still needed in order to go over the top. We *talked* missions, *prayed* missions, *discussed* missions, as often as possible during the year.

As the 1961 missions year drew to a close in December, we began to think, to pray, and to talk about what the goal should be for 1962. The goal of $1,500 for missions for this year is a great step of faith on the part of the congregation. It is a 150 percent increase over last year.

In order to do a better job of promoting the work of the total missionary giving program in the local church several new ideas will be placed in operation. The first thing to be done was the election of a church literature secretary. Not only will she have charge of the Missionary Outfit Club and enlisting subscribers to the Brethren Missionary Herald, but several other jobs have been added to this office. She, with the assistance of the pastor, will keep the tract rack filled with new and attractive Gospel tracts. These will be supplied through the gifts given to local missions. Dr. Grubb writes again in his booklet: "This vision [the missionary vision] certainly involves the winning of souls at home right within the sphere of the local church's activity." Certainly this is in agreement with Acts 1:8. Again Dr. Grubb writes: "All of the program of the local church should be geared to preparing personal witnesses and sending them out to win souls. Any aspect of the church's program can be tested in this crucible. If it does not contribute to this main effort, it should be laid aside.'" Yes; the local congregation must be active in missionary effort here at home, as well as giving of its means, to carry the Gospel to other places.



BUILDING BRIDGES

Shall we provide the means by which men come to Christ, or merely seem to do so?

BY LOIS E CALLAWAY

As I look out my window, I see a small spirit bridge.

The Yao tribespeople think there is a special merit in building bridges. If the family has not seemed to be in very good standing with the spirits, building a bridge—any kind of a bridge, properly dedicated—is thought to bring the family back into favor.

In a land of so many rivers and small streams, it is easy to see why a bridge across a river might be viewed with great approval. The heart of many a weary traveler, dreading an anticipated wade through a river with bicycle or load, is gladdened at the sight of a new bridge spanning the current.

But the Yao live high on a mountain above these waters. To go down to some place where a trail and a river meet to build their merit-making bridge would take both time and special effort. So they have devised an ingenious system of spirit bridges. A bridge, perhaps six feet long with a canopy some four or five feet above it, is built six or eight inches above dry ground beside a trail leading into the village. Then the builder calls the demon priest, who makes appropriate sacrifices, with accompanying incantations, at the site. Thus the favor of the demons is claimed because a bridge has been built. No matter that no one will ever cross over it. No matter that it is of no real value to humanity. A bridge has been built, and a bridge is a thing of merit!

Bridges to Salvation

Churches today spend a great deal of time "building bridges." There are bridges that need to be built—bridges to salvation, as it were, for the lost. These bridges should be built on well-laid piers—long hours of prayer, many Bible verses committed for soul-winning, pages of Scripture lovingly digested for personal growth and witnessing. On this foundation we can build a superstructure of evangelistic calling and teaching.

Our bridge to salvation must be built over currents of life in the world, where the lost are looking for the Way. Perhaps it must be built in the bogs of sin, for that is where much of humanity lives. Perhaps it must span some swift and treacherous torrent where Satan's whirlpool of temptation sucks the unsuspecting down.

The concrete foundation of prayer is not laid in a day. The engineering skill for this type of bridge building comes by hard labor in the school of God. Not all of us are willing to give what it takes to become a builder of this type of bridge. So we have devised simpler bridges—parties, contests, and crowd getting sermons packed with catchy phrases and advertised with spectacular names.

Now, there are times and places for landscape bridges. Who has not enjoyed the beauty of a rustic bridge spanning an inconsequential stream on a university campus or in a lovely park? So, furbelow bridges may add something to the landscaping when put alongside the church walk, as it were, but only if they blend with God's land plat for the church. The fact remains that few, if any, ever cross these flimsy structures to the gates of salvation. Decorative arches may catch the eye of some wayfarer, but if the real bridge of prayer and personal compassion for souls is not there, spanning the tide from world to church, the furbelow bridge will not be an adequate substitute.

The Builder's Stewardship

Beyond this, one thing is certain: landscape bridges should never be made with time and effort that are needed to build the real and essential structure!

How many ministers would like to be building real bridges when instead they are required to spend their time tying ribbons on furbelow spans for someone to cut at a formal opening! A missionary friend once confided that one reason he wanted to go to the mission field was that he could be free of committees, entertainments, and all the fuss and fiddle of the modern church—free to spend that time in evangelizing the lost. His record of accomplishment on the

field attests to the quality of his work. The "bridges" he has built have led many to the Lord Jesus.

Suppose we make a picture album preserving mental snapshots of all the bridges we build as a church. When the snaps are mounted, write beneath each the amount of time and money spent in building that bridge. Then let us ask the Lord to view the album with us. Let us ask Him how many souls each "bridge" directed to the way of salvation, how many of His own were able to cross it to Him.

Was it not true that the bridges on which we spent the most time and effort were all too often the landscape bridges, amusing to us, but useless to the Lord? And what about the structure of the real bridges —the revivals, the Bible-school classes, the personal calling on the lost? Were the piers of real honest, time-consuming prayer, and hours of personal fortification in the Word? Or did we, like some dishonest contractor, substitute shoddy stuff and slight the craftman's labor? We may have been more careful about the superstructure itself, for it is lifted up for all to see. But must we not confess to the Master builder that we slighted Him when we should have been undergirding the bridge with prayer and consecration?

Bridges have their necessary place in every land, and their builders have a right to be respected for their work. But counterfeits are not enough. How much traffic do your bridges carry?

Ch is t n Standard

"According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward" (I Cor. 3:10-14).

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FOREIGN MISSIONS

PRAISE God for His blessings in Tijuana, Mexico, where Rev. and Mrs. Sibley Edmiston are seeking to establish another gospel testimony. Pray that they soon will be able to increase the number of services.

PRAY for the Brazilian leaders of new church groups on Santo Antonio Bay and Possum Island under the direction of Missionary Bill Burk.

PRAY for the work at Huinca Renanco, Argentina, where Rev. and Mrs. Clark Miller have recently gone, that the Lord will give wisdom and guidance to these new missionaries.

PRAY that during this foreign-mission season our Brethren people might become more impressed with the urgency of getting out the Gospel while there is yet opportunity.

YOUTH COUNCIL

PRAY for the much-needed financial support of our championship quiz team which we are sending to Puerto Rico during the spring vacation.

PRAY for the weekend meetings of the Youth Evangelism Team. Pray that real fruit might come forth from the decisions that are made.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRAY for a "Doubling in This Decade" in our Sunday schools.

PRAY that each Sunday-school teacher might have a personal interest in the pupils he teaches.

PRAY that the Lord will not only supply our financial needs, but that He also will give us some capital with which to work.

PRAY for the director that he might have wisdom as he counsels with the Sunday schools in his visits.

PRAY that the spring Loyalty Campaign shall accomplish its purpose of causing Christians to be more faithful to the services of the church.

LAYMEN

PRAY for a deeper interest in evangelism among our men.

PRAY for our national officers.

PRAY that God will guide each laymen's group into fuller service for Him.

PRAY that we will be able to complete our Scholarship Fund this year.

PRAY for the newly organized laymen's groups.

EVANGELISM

PRAY that God will raise up several more full-time evangelists for the days immediately ahead.

PRAY for several teams of young men from Grace Seminary and College to go out for summer evangelism.

PRAY that God will lay a great burden for souls upon every member of The Brethren Church.

HOME MISSIONS

PRAY for a good response to the Minute-Man letter so that the Toppenish, Washington, church can begin its building program.

PRAY for revival, growth, and strengthening of the home-mission churches.

PRAY for the sale of three homes being purchased by home-mission pastors and no longer needed because of moving to other fields.

PRAISE God for a number of home-mission churches where the facilities are taxed to the limit for Sunday-school space. Pray for a solution in financing additional building programs.

PRAY for the district missions part in our national home-missions program as district conferences begin this month.

PRAY for the annual Home Missions Council board meeting to be held March 27 to 30.

SEMINARY AND COLLEGE

PRAISE God for the touch of revival experienced on the campus during the Grace Bible Conference. Pray that this may continue.

PRAY that erection of the new college dormitory and dining hall may begin at the earliest possible moment.

PRAY for the seniors of both college and seminary that God will make clear His plan for their lives.

PRAY for the college choir which will be itinerating among some of our churches at Easter time.

PRAY for the needs of several of our college students who are having financial difficulties.

WMC

PRAY for the health of Mrs. James Dixon, Mid-Atlantic District president.

PRAY for the committee that is working on the plans for the 1963-64 program of the National WMC.

PRAY that more of the members of our Brethren churches will realize the importance of attending our meetings.

PRAISE the Lord for a new WMC recently begun in Waimalu, Hawaii. Pray for these Sisters in Christ.

SMM

PRAY for those working on the SMM program packets.

PRAY for the committee who is setting up the new SMM program.

PRAY for all our patronesses as they labor for the Lord in this field of service.

MISSIONARY HERALD

PRAISE the Lord for the freedom to print God's Word in the Missionary Herald magazine and Sunday-school quarterlies.

PRAY that God will raise up dedicated Brethren writers of which we are in much need.

PRAY that the Vacation Bible School seminars, sponsored by the Herald Company, will prove beneficial to many of our churches.

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Christ May Come Today

The unrest grows,
And nation feareth nation:
Who, who can say
What shall the next day bring?
In every mind, in every
Rank and station
Lurks thought about some
Coming happening.

But Christians, while the
Darkness truly thickens,
While evils grow, and o'er the
Earth hold sway,
The hope of His return
The spirit quickens.
LOOK UP! LOOK UP! for He
May come today.

J. Donson Smith

John Glenn Described as "Born-Again"

Unlike the Russian Cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin who "flew right through the heavenly mansions and did not run into . . . the Almighty," America's first man in orbital space flight returned to earth with calm assurance that it was God who had given him the spectacular success.

Lt. Col. John H. Glenn, Jr., who circled the globe three times in 296 minutes February 20, 1962, is described by those who know him best as a Christian man of great faith.

"There's no doubt about it," says the Rev. C. Edwin Houk, pastor of the Glendale (Calif.) First Presbyterian Church and Glenn's boyhood chum in New Concord, Ohio, "John is a born-again Christian."

Mr. Houk's father, then pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of New Concord, was used of the Lord to lead John Glenn's father to Christ many years ago, and the conversion of the entire family soon followed. Pastor Houk recalls: "John junior was always a clean-thinking fellow—a leader everyone respected."

Ed Houk and his wife, Sally, were schoolmates of John and Anna Glenn at New Concord's Presbyterian Muskingum College before Mr. Houk went on in later years to become associated with Dr. Donald Grey Barnhouse at Philadelphia's Tenth Presbyterian Church. Ed and Sally, John and Annie double-dated countless numbers of times. Pastor Houk says of his pal: "He had great stability, courage and singleness of purpose."

The Rev. Frank A. Erwin, currently pastor of the John Glenn, Jr. family in Arlington, Virginia, describes them as "just about the most active family we have in the church" (Falls Presbyterian). He said "Col. Glenn's faith is real proof to me that science is the best friend that religion has. . . . I derive great inspiration from the quiet dedicated faith of a man like John Glenn."

In his "Friendship 7" space capsule, John Glenn was not looking for God when he was rocketed into the heavens by the machinery of Project Mercury and whizzed around the globe. He was not looking because he had found Him many years ago, and He lives in the heart of this brave American spaceman.

—*By Norman B Rohrer (E.P Special)*

COVER—WMC ISSUE

The poem on this week's cover, "Christ May Come Today," is a reprint from the Brethren Missionary Herald WMC issue of June 7, 1941. Its timeliness is apparent as we look forward to our Lord's return.

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LOOKING UNTO JESUS

Editorial

By Mrs. A. B. Kidder

Editor's Note: Mrs. A. B. Kidder was the first WMC editor. She served faithfully from 1939 to August 1941. She recently went to be with the Lord. This editorial written by her in the February 22, 1941 issue of the Missionary Herald is reprinted in tribute to her.

A friend who is not a Christian asked us the other day: "How do you account for the fact that so many Christians are sick and suffering in this flu epidemic?" Our answer that Christians are not promised immunity from disease or suffering in this age seemed to satisfy; but after thinking a bit, this question was asked: "But I knew a Mrs. So and So, a fine Christian woman, who lay for years a hopeless invalid from rheumatism. How do you account for that?" Well, we praise the Lord that we need not account for any of these things. What is needed is to trust that a loving Heavenly Father knows best what is good for His children. But all of this set up a train of thought which seems pertinent in these days when we are surrounded by cases of illness.

Should not our attitude be that of glorifying God when we are ill? And how can we best glorify him in such circumstances?

In the first place, a child of God has no excuse for exhibiting an embittered spirit when temporarily laid aside by illness. What a blessed privilege it is to know the meaning of I Thessalonians 5:18—"In *every thing* give thanks: for *this* is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." The word "this" does not refer to the giving of thanks. It is indeed God's will that we be thankful; but when we learn that this present circumstance in which we find ourselves, no matter what it may be, is the will of God for us, we may indeed and wholeheartedly render thanks therefore, because His will is always best for us. And as we render our thanks in the midst of our illnesses, our testimony will shine forth more brightly unto His glory.

Again, if we yield ourselves completely to Him, the Holy Spirit may use the illness to cultivate within us the marvelous Christian grace of *patience*—to most of us the most difficult of all graces to attain. But the patient endurance of suffering is another testimony that the world is bound to respect, and therefore it is to the glory of God our Saviour.

Last, but not least, who of us in this day of speed and hustle can say with the psalmist: "O how I love thy law! It is my meditation all the day" (Ps. 119:97). These busy lives of ours give us few opportunities for meditation. We rush from this to that all of our waking hours; many times all of this haste and rush is not of our choosing, but we are caught in the whirlpool of modern life and helplessly tossed to and fro. Then the Lord kindly permits us to be laid aside for a time: if we are wise, we use the quiet moments to think of the things of God and to enjoy richly His presence with the world shut out.

A devotional theme for March –

NEGLECTED MISSION FIELD



By Mrs. R. E. A. Miller

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The young African speaker standing in the hot sun, impeccably dressed in up-to-date western type clothing, presented a vivid contrast to the listening throng. It was plain to be seen that he was a political zealot. His frenzied harangue spewed out the venom of hatred upon a recent colonial government. He had been trained to goad his audiences into the same emotional quicksand. Even a casual observation proved his success. Because he hated, the people to whom he spoke must hate. Because he demanded, and falsely accused, they, too, must rise up en masse and do the same. Just because he said so.

The crowd was not able to fully comprehend why they should hate or become rabble rousers. Most of these people were from the hinterland. They had come to the city to sell their cotton and peanuts, and unwittingly became targets of a brainwashing conspiracy.

Certainly those individuals who made up the crowd had no advantages over their compatriot who stood shouting from the platform. He was covered with the unmistakable evidences of education and economic affluence. They had next to nothing, and had nothing better to anticipate than more of the same bleak, uncertain physical existence which characterized their past and present. Although they at first were hesitant to become involved in any strange "affair," curiosity and a "what-do-I-have-to-lose" spirit soon swept over the people. They gave themselves to the words of the speaker. He had planned to this end. He had been trained for this purpose.

If this account were an isolated situation, it is likely that well-meaning, missions-minded Christians would take little note. Their missionary programs would carry on "business as usual." But the fact of the matter is, this is *not* an isolated situation. "Business as usual" will no longer produce results on the world's mission fields because the face of the political world is rapidly changing color. The color is red.

Nations all over the world are emerging from what they consider the restraints of colonial governments. They are fomented in their demand for self-determination by a comparative handful of their fellow countrymen who have been thoroughly educated and trained by the Communists. While the chief thrust of most missionary work has been to the heathen in the bush, the main "missionary" thrust of communism has been to the intellectuals. They have never underestimated the value of the human mind to the propagation of their own cause. Is it necessary that we be reminded it is the educated minority of the newly emerging nations who are both spearheading and governing these nations?

I asked a missionary, recently returned from Japan, which group of people is the most susceptible to communistic propaganda—the ignorant, illiterate and poverty-ridden, or the educated who often enjoy a relatively comfortable standard of "things." The answer was a swift and startling "the educated." If this may seem hard to believe, take a good look at the political left-wingers and pink-tongued politicians at the state and national levels of our own country. They don't exactly fit the "underprivileged" category!

Not many months ago the writer heard Dr. Irwin Moon, of Moody Institute of Science, make the following statement: "Whenever a heathen wears a pair of shoes and stands in a classroom, he becomes more appalling to us than appealing." Those words have clamped themselves around my heart like a vise. Why have we failed to give the Gospel to many people of the earth who are educated?

This plea for reaching the world's educated for Christ of course does not rule out the needs of non-intellectuals for salvation.

We are very late in fulfilling this obligation to the intellectual segment of lost men. My heart calls for an immediate program, initiated by godly women of vigorous determination, to urge upon our own young intellectuals who know Jesus Christ as personal Saviour and Lord, the challenge of this too long neglected "mission" field. Let us show the urgency of the need by setting up scholarships, fervently praying and counseling until we have young men especially, and women, as professors in colleges and universities around the world. At least, then, the next generation of intellectuals in so-called heathen lands will be exposed to the truth of God as it is in Christ Jesus.

What is the most neglected mission field in the world? The nations' intellectuals! Let's meet them on their own level with an equal opportunity as their brothers to know the Christ who said: "I am the truth."

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This is the third of a series on the Christian woman—

The pastor's wife

AS A HOMEMAKER

By Mrs. John M. Aeby
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"Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies" (Prov. 31:10). It is worthy of note that God's question implies that virtue is the *only* divinely recognized criterion for a wife whose value is *above* rubies. Too often the search is made for beauty, accomplishment, personality, glamour, or wealth, rather than solid virtue. Aristotle, the Greek philosopher, said: "If women are good, the half of the commonwealth may be happy where they are."

In an extensive study of the goals of high-school students, 81 percent said one of the things they wanted most was a happy homelife. Can our homes, our Christian homes, be happy? Happiness is a by-product. When we dedicate ourselves to another's happiness, we achieve our own. A little thought will enable us to see that in our homes the surest way to be happy ourselves is to make our families happy.

The true pastor's wife is the booster of her husband. She believes in him, and lets him know she is upholding him. When others look with indifference, she encourages him, and he rises strengthened. His home should be his haven in which he finds retirement from the storms of life. In it he should find the purest earthly joy, the sweetest earthly rest, the best recreation for mind and soul, and a stimulus for the conflicts of life. The pastor should confide in his wife, and she should invite that confidence, and prove herself worthy of it by faithfully keeping his secrets. When he goes to his work each day, she can gird him about with earnest prayer, and often, through the day she will bring him before the throne of grace and trust the Heavenly Father to enrich his life, and increase his ministry.

The pastor's wife is concerned for the spiritual welfare of her children. Every phase of physical development in the children will bring problems of spiritual development. In the training of our children, we must begin early. The sooner we begin, the more effective this training will be. We must be practical, patient, and consistent. The Lord has promised "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Prov. 22:6). All through the formative years of our children's lives we need to trust them to the care of the Heavenly Father through prayer and intercession for them.

One of the rich duties and privileges is in being a counselor not only for the children, but also for all those who come in need. She may not know anything about the theory of counseling, but she knows how to practice it in everyday life. One of the greatest powers of the counselor, according to authorities, is love. Love enables us to put ourselves in the place of the one who has a burden or problem.

Reverence and love for God is the motivating center for all her work. Whether it is in the routine duties of everyday housework, such as washing dishes, dusting furniture, baking a cake or washing clothes, she escapes the dullness of these routine jobs when she obeys Colossians 3:17: "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him." Only when we trust ourselves to the care of the Holy Spirit and His working through us can we live a useful life and one pleasing to God.

The greatest thing we can do for our homes is to keep our families together in prayer, in worship, and in reading the Word of God. These times of waiting upon God together will strengthen all the members of the family. "The family that prays together will stay together." Not only is family worship important, but it is also very important that the pastor's family be regular in the services of the local church. Here again it is necessary to begin early. If the children have the habit of attending regularly the meetings of the church, they will be blessed as they grow older. The parents will especially appreciate this difference in the teenage years of the children. The schedule of the home should center around the church. Some people say: "I will let my children grow up and then decide for themselves about religion." We cannot do this; we do not do so in other things. We should teach our children what we ourselves believe about God, eternity, sin and the need of a Saviour. We should teach them so early that they shall at first know no reason for their truth, except the fact that we say they are true. It is our duty to lay the foundation for their "faith" even before they are school age and have formal education. If we do not do this, Satan will see to it that their minds are set against the things of God.

There is one thing that is very important that our children should be taught. It is that they should be obedient to parental, school, civil, and divine authority. To this end they must be reproved, corrected, and sometimes punished. The Bible says: "He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes" (Prov. 13:24). "The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame. . . . Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul" (Prov. 29:15, 17).

The responsibility of making your child obey springs from something beyond and above your happiness and the smooth running of your homelife. The habit of implicit and unquestioning obedience to parental authority is the foundation of good citizenship. It

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●*BY OUR BIRTHDAY MISSIONARY—*
MRS. WAYNE S. BEAVER

He Leadeth Me

I will never cease to wonder why God chose me, but how I thank Him that He did! And I thank Him for His faithful ones who He has used in molding my life. First of all, a faithful teen-ager, a rather quiet, shy girl, but one who loved her Lord and was brave in Him, persistently invited a little ten-year-old, red-headed, freckle-faced girl to Sunday school. The excuse that I had no transportation didn't work because faithful members of the church willingly came for me. Those same faithful members, again rather quiet folk, provided transportation for years and are now doing so for my mother and others. (Many of His quiet, faithful ones are going to be surprised at their reward when He welcomes them home.)

In the Sunday school of the South Gate Brethren Church, there were two faithful teachers for whom I will always be grateful. One led me to the Lord when I was eleven, and the other taught wisely from His Word to a young, growing, questioning babe in Christ. The pastor who took my confession of faith and baptized me was Rev. Leo Polman. Could any young Christian have a better pastor and wife to start her off on the pathway of life? Praise the Lord for enthusiastic, radiant, happy Christians like the Polmans!

I was soon caught up in the whirl of youth activities in a glowing, growing church. I will ever thank and praise Him for The Brethren Church, and for its sound Bible teaching, and its love for Him, for the lost, and for one another. It was at Brethren camps and through C.E. activities and Sisterhood that I came to realize that I was not my own, I had been bought with a price. I surrendered to His claim and became His to command. Though I was still very young, just fourteen or fifteen, my pastor and wife and others took my surrender seriously and encouraged me in every way. My parents were not yet Christians, and although they were happy for my Christian stand, they began to think I was taking this Christian life business a little too seriously. I will never forget the night that I came home from a C.E. convention, I went in and sat on my mother's bed to tell her that I thought the Lord wanted me to be a missionary. Though a kinder, more loving mother couldn't have been found, she sat up and said sharply: "I don't want to hear you mention such a thing again!" (Not difficult to understand in a mother who was not yet a Christian herself, but how many Christian parents have refused to yield their children to His call?)

How greatly we, as a church, regretted losing the Polmans! But the Lord sent another wonderful pastor and wife to our church, Conard and Fern Sandy. Just as the Polmans had encouraged the young people, so the Sandys meant so much to us. We had a young people's Bible class, the Ambassadors, that met in the Sandy home every Saturday evening. It wasn't a social time, there were no refreshments, it was just a Bible class, but it was ours. We young people could ask questions, discuss problems, and learn from the Book of books. From that young people's group, which probably never numbered more than about twenty, five went forth into full-time service (among them, "Miss Evelyn" Fuqua, and Rev. Robert Hill). Others are faithful lay men and women.

Another who was a blessing in our young adult years and who will always be dear to us, since he tied a beautiful wedding knot, was Pastor Elias White, and his good wife.

The Lord gave me a wonderful "sister in Christ," Dorothy (Mrs. Marvin) Goodman. We met at young people's camp and both felt the call to Africa. We went through three years of nurses' training together; then to Grace Seminary. We had planned to go to Biola, but He definitely led to Grace, and we are so glad we followed His leading, for He had two very nice young men awaiting us there. When the "Wolf" (my maiden name) turned into a "Beaver," life seemed complete indeed, but adventures were just starting. What an adventure the Christian life is! We never know where or how He may lead, but the all-important thing is that He is leading! "He Leadeth Me" has always been a favorite song of mine, and how true it is!

Immediately after Wayne and I were married, we were asked by the foreign board if we could get ready to go to Africa right away. The rea-

son was that it was war time and they could not secure passage for couples with children. How delighted we were to be on our way to His chosen field! The brethren responded quickly in helping to supply an outfit, and the Philadelphia Brethren graciously opened their homes and hearts to us while we packed and tried to cut red tape. But wartime red tape seems even tougher to cut than the peacetime variety. And when all was ready for our sailing, we still found ourselves without a visa from the Free French government in North Africa. When it finally arrived, in His time, we were delayed yet another six weeks waiting for passage on a neutral Portuguese steamer. This was just time enough for us to make a quick, surprise trip to visit our families. Our budget yielded enough for round-trip train coach fare for me to California. Wayne could only get as far as Pittsburgh and had to finish his trip to Ohio by thumb.

This unexpected, surprise visit to our homes was such a blessing to us and to our parents, and the greatest blessing of all was that I had the joy of seeing my mother accept the Lord before I left her. How we have learned to thank Him all along the way for His delays and stop signs, as well as the ever-present GO signal.

It is now a little over seventeen years since we first arrived in Africa. What happy, busy, fruitful years they have been! We realize that many of His blessings have come through the prayers and support of His faithful ones at home. How we do thank Him for each one! He led us into the work of the Bible Institute in 1946. It has been a very blessed ministry to our own souls, and we trust to those whom He has sent to the school over the years. Graduates from the school are scattered throughout our field. Do pray for these men and women that they may be filled with His Spirit for His work in this needy land.

The Lord has given us five precious little Beavers over the years. He has let us keep four and one is with Him. They are not so little any more, and this last furlough we came to the hardest part yet of our service for Him, leaving our dear daughter in the homeland. We will soon have to part with our two older boys, too. If it weren't *for Him,* we couldn't do it. But in the face of such love as His, how can we do less than give Him our *best?* We know He'll provide and care for them better than we could, for they are His. And we'll have all eternity to be together!

In times like these, eternity may be just a step away. "We cannot see what lies before, and so we cling to Him the more." And of this I am confident—"He leadeth me, He lead eth me! By His own hand He leadeth me! His faithful follower I would be, for by His hand He leadeth me!"

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MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS FOR MAY

AFRICA—

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B.P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic

Daniel Keith Hocking — May 21, 1958
B.P. 21, M'Baiki via Bangui, Central African Republic

Patrice Robbins — May 22, 1956
B.P. 33, Bossangoa via Bangui, Central African Republic

Camille Sue Cone — May 26, 1955
Bossembele via Bangui, Central African Republic

ARGENTINA—

Rita Dorene Hoyt — May 18, 1944
Chiclana 1074, Don Bosco, F.C.G.R., Argentina, S. A.

Rev. Robert J. Cover — May 19
Reconquista 178, Corral de Bustos, F.C.N.G.B.M., Prov. Cordoba, Argentina, S. A.

BRAZIL—

Rev. John W. Zielasko — May [illegible]
1630 Sebastiao Freitas, Capanema, Para, Brazil

Nathan Allan Johnson — May 14, 1959
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil

Marilyn Joy Johnson — May 17, 1957
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil

FRANCE

Victor Fredrick Fogle — May 1, 1949
5, square de la Source, Franconville (S et O.) France

MEXICO—

Sharon Rachel Haag — May 9, 1948
439 Sunset Lane, San Ysidro, California, U.S.A.

Kathryn Sue Howard — May 29, 1948
406 Mary Avenue, Calexico, California, U.S.A.

IN THE UNITED STATES—

Mary Hope Beaver — May 7, 1945
54 Xenia Avenue, Xenia, Ohio

Miss Grace Byron — May 7
105 Seminary Drive, Winona Lake, Indiana

Mrs. James B. Marshall — May [illegible]
New Vienna, Ohio

Mr. James B. Marshall — May 28
New Vienna, Ohio

Naomi Ruth Mason — May 28, 1948
724 Anderson Avenue, Fort Wayne, Indiana

WMC News

WATERLOO, IOWA. The WMC of the Grace Brethren Church had charge of an evening church service in January. Various members told of the WMC work and enlisted prayer warriors. During the program, an offering was received for the district project, "To furnish a room at Grace College dorm."

Mrs. V. W. Schrock
President WMC



Posters stressing prayer for foreign missionaries used by Waterloo WMC

ALTOONA, PA. The Junior WMC, of First Brethren Church, recently made new choir robes for our junior choir and in order to finance this project, the members of the WMC sent out letters to members and friends of the church inviting them to a "Stay at Home Tea." We enclosed a tea bag and an envelope for a contribution. The ladies received contributions amounting to more than was needed for the robes and have a balance in the treasury to finance a new project. Truly we are "Looking Unto Jesus."

Mrs. Bernard Imler
Pres. Junior WMC



Waterloo WMC ladies choir



Waterloo Junior SMM girls receiving their pennants and becoming members

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is even more than that, it is the foundation of subjection to God's authority. The obedient child will obey the laws of the land. The disobedient child is a candidate for jail and prison. It is worth noting that children who are not taught obedience at home rarely become consistent Christians; while those who are taught obedience at home usually come to know the Lord young in life.

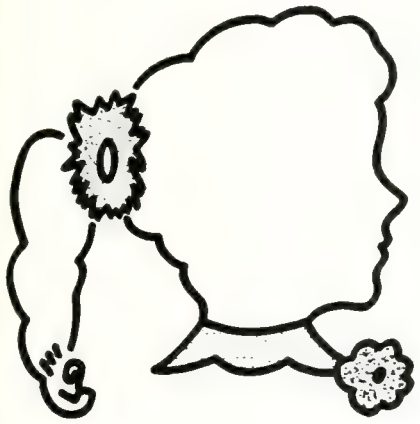
Every pastor's wife should cultivate the grace of hospitality. One of the requisites of the office of bishop, according to I Timothy 3:2, is that he be given to hospitality. Many are the blessings connected with this. Some of the richest blessings of our ministry have been in entertaining strangers, missionaries, speakers, and friends of our congregations. There is no better way to really get to know people than by having them in our homes. Some of our most precious memories go back to times of fellowship around the table, or around the Word of God as discussions came up.

The heart of a beautiful, happy home is appreciation, and appreciation is love at work. It will never fail to inspire, encourage, and bless, for "Love never faileth."

What America needs today can be summed up in the words of Peter Marshall from a sermon of his that was in an unpublished manuscript.

America needs women who will build true homes.
Whether they live in two rooms or ten—
Whether starched white organdy curtains hang at the windows—or silk damask
We need homes where harassed husbands may find peace, understanding, refreshment of body and soul . . .
Where children may find the warmth of love
Where friends may find hospitality, graciousness, and joy
Only out of such homes will men go with strength and courage to help the United States build a better world.
To make such homes is therefore,
Any woman's supreme contribution to her country and to her generation.

It may be on a kitchen floor,
Or in a busy shopping store,
Or teaching, nursing, day by day,
Till limb and brain almost give way;
Yet if, just there, by Jesus thou art found,
The place thou standest on is Holy Ground.
—M. Colley



GIRLS GLORIFYING GOD



"What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, ye are not your own?

For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."

I Corinthians 6:19-20

"Around the World for Christ" (France)

Preparing for Sisterhood, by Mrs. Tom Julien

"Bonjour, Sisterhood girls!" We are very happy that you have come to visit us this month. Since our family has been in France just a little more than a year, our program among the youth has not developed to the extent of organizing a girls' group. However, since I know you are interested in what our Mission is doing during the school year for the French young people, we invite you into our apartment living room to observe a weekly children's meeting.

This is Thursday morning, a "no-school" day, and by 9:30 a.m. all the children have arrived. Usually half the group come from our apartment building and the others from two nearby buildings. Eight of the children have come because their families are acquainted with us, and upon a personal invitation the parents allowed their children to attend. Another boy has come because he has been invited by his best boy friend. The others in the group, two brothers and one sister, have come as the direct result of one of the four hundred invitations which were distributed in our neighborhood at the beginning of this flannelgraph series on the "Life of Christ."

When you look around the room and compare these children to yourselves, perhaps the most striking difference that you notice is the way in which they are dressed. Every child is wearing a wool sweater and wool stockings, knitted, undoubtedly, by his mother. Some of the sweaters are especially attractive and cleverly made. This is typical of the dress in France for the homes are not generally well heated.

Chorus time has begun, and if it were not for this strange language you could join in with us, for many of the chorus melodies are familiar to you. The contest chart is presented and points are given to each one present, to each one who is able to say his Bible verse, and a double amount is given to anyone who has brought a visitor. These children are very excited over the contest; each one works toward the reward of a lovely Bible storybook. Since flannelgraph is not commonly used in the churches or schools, it is especially attractive to these children who await the Bible story.

Today the lesson is entitled, "The Young Boy Who Always Pleased God." All listen intently as the story is given of Mary, Joseph and Jesus going to the Temple. They learn that Jesus loved God's house, that Jesus loved the Word of God, and that He was obedient not only to His Heavenly Father, but also to Mary and Joseph. An application is made to the children. They are asked if they wish to be like Jesus. They are told that only by accepting God's Son are they able to please God because He alone is able to forgive them of their sins. Our group is completely unsaved, and yet in spite of their keen interest in attending this class, to make a decision for the Lord is very difficult. With the exception of one boy, all come from homes where Catholicism is accepted. For the majority, this religion is lived apart from one's daily life, and he meets few requirements of the church. You realize better now, girls, the stand the average French young person must take when he accepts Jesus Christ, and desires to live each day in His will and for His glory.

We do not see outward results at present, but join us in prayer that the Word of God will work in their lives to bring about salvation. Each week they faithfully memorize Bible verses and hear the Word as it is taught by flannelgraph. Let us claim

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DEAR AMY:

I have been faithful to Sunday school and church since I was a tiny baby. I learned the Ten Commandments and know I am to honor Mother and Dad. That is my problem. Although I try so hard, it seems as if we are always in conflict. It keeps me in turmoil all the time. How can I overcome this situation?

Love,
Jane

Dear Jane:

A favorite song through many years has been "Home, Sweet Home." The composer suggests "Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home."

Poets have used "Home" as the theme of many poems, and great leaders recognize that "the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world."

God himself places the home in a position higher than any other institution. If the home crumbles, the church will fail and the nation will perish.

Home cannot be built with wood, brick, mortar, or cement. "It takes a heap o' living in a house to make a home." However when each member lives for Christ, and each member lives for the other, what a haven the home, be it ever so humble!

May I ask a favor of you, Jane? Will you sit down some place where you will not be disturbed and ask yourself a few questions? It does all of us good to look within ourselves when we face problems. So often, my dear, problems are the result of a spiritual need.

Will you face the following issues?

When I speak in the home, is it the same tone of voice I use when I am with the gang (or Prince Charming)? Or do I sometimes mumble and then "bark" when my folks do not understand me?

Am I as eager to do the little acts of devotion and thoughtfulness to my parents as I am to the gang?

When Mother and Dad ask a favor of me—baby-sitting the younger members of the family, cleaning the kitchen, or going on an errand—do I act cheerfully or like a "sour puss" who has been quite inconvenienced?

When I date, do I introduce my friend to Dad and Mother, or do I let them wonder what type of fellow I have chosen? (Maybe that is why they do not completely favor your choices.)

Parents Are People!

When I desire to skate, date, go to a game or other activities, do I ask permission, or do I state emphatically that I am going? If my parents object, do I listen to reasoning, or do I insist on having it my way and "blow up a storm"?

What is my attitude to other members of my household? Do I include Sis or Brother in any of my plans?

Do I clean my room, the shower, or bathroom, and share other responsibilities in the home, or do I let Mom do it?

Am I prompt for meals? Am I polite to members of the family?

Do I act in the home in such a becoming manner that were a non-Christian visiting she would want my Christianity? Or would she say: "If that is the way Christians bicker and fume, I want no part of it"?

Just as the little foxes spoil the vines, so it is the little things in the home and in our friendships that make them a havoc or a haven.

We have mentioned the importance of the home; we have asked ourselves some simple but heart-searching questions. Now let us think about Mother and Dad.

Parents are people, you know, Jane. Whether or not they meet your expectations, it is good to accept them as they are. Remember, Mother went through the "valley of the shadow of death" to bring you into the world. She loves you and desires the best in life for you.

We are bound by the Word of God to honor, respect, and obey our parents. Obedience leads to honor. The command to honor parents comes with the promise of longer life. In Ephesians 6:1, Paul says: "Children obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right." The fact that you wrote about the problem shows that you want to do right.

By the way, even if your parents are not Christians, you owe them honor, respect, and consideration. How else can you win them? Just be sure you do not do something displeasing to the Lord.

Yes; parents are people. They will be happy when you ask their advice, rather than telling them what you are going to do.

Why not try a family council just before or after the family altar. There is the saying: "The family that prays together stays together." Togetherness! Doesn't it sound good? Talk over your plans and problems. It is surprising how talking over our gripes can clear the air, and send us forth

with renewed zeal for each other and the Lord.

Mother and Dad have had many difficult problems to face and decisions to make. When they curtail your desires, it is because they want to spare you the unhappy experiences.

When I was about your age, sometimes I thought I was overworked. "The other kids don't have to work," you say. Today I am glad I learned to work for and with Mother. The early years are formative and important. To get the most out of life, we must put something into it.

There were times when I asked for a penny (literally). Mother would say: "You had one yesterday." I thought I was being abused, but now I realize she was teaching me values.

Mother was plain in her attire. Sometimes I wished she would dress a bit more fashionably. You see, Jane, she was doing without some things herself so that Sis and I could have more abundantly.

Someone once said that three words were important to happy home-life—care, share, prayer. I copied them on the fly leaf of my Bible just under the motto my husband and I took when we were married—"Each for the other, both for Christ."

"Love is a many splendored thing" is especially true when it is Christ's love manifesting itself through our lives. When we love Him, we love others. When we love others we want to share joys, responsibilities, hardships, plans, and desires.

Prayer will aid us in caring, sharing, and realizing that parents have our welfare at heart.

When we care, the home will be brightened by our presence. We will be interested in other members of the family and deny self for their interests.

We cannot attain these virtues over night. Neither can we accomplish them ourselves. But say it with me, dear, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Phil. 4:13).

Parents are people whose burdens will be lighter because we care and share. May we pray, "Let each of our homes be blessed."

Love,
Amy

Nooz From Yooz

WINCHESTER, VA. The Senior-Middler group held their annual dinner recently. A good time was had by all.

OAHU, HAWAII. The SMM girls of the Waipio Grace Brethren Church have been busy in their service for the Lord. As a Christmas project, each girl made a booklet of Sunday school take-home papers for the children's hospital in Honolulu. A missionary box has been filled with pictures, foodstuffs, and clothing. The girls use flash cards to learn the names, faces, and the foreign-mission fields of our missionaries.

NOTE:

Girls: I am looking forward to hearing from you. My column is nearly bare. Help fill it up by sending in your post card soon. Thank you. The Editor

PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Pray for the winter national board meetings. Pray that the decisions made will be carried out in a way which would glorify the Lord.
2. Pray for the SMM girls who will be graduating this year from high school. Pray that the Lord will direct them in their future.
3. Pray that the financial needs of SMM will be met.

SUGGESTED PROGRAM FOR APRIL

Devotional Study:
"Girls Glorifying God . . . in Deed"
Memory Verse:
Colossians 3:17
Mission Study:
"Around the World for Christ . . . in France"

AROUND THE WORLD FOR CHRIST

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this verse in Isaiah 55:11: "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

Our "Club du Jeudi" (Thursday Club) dismisses after an hour and a half of songs, contests, games, a Bible verse, a Bible story, and a lesson in an activity book.

Who knows, perhaps in the future there will be a Sisterhood of Mary and Martha in France!

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DAYTON, OHIO. The entire evening services at First Brethren Church were conducted by the laymen of the church, Feb. 25. The laymen's chorus provided special music. The special speaker was Mr. John Borgwardt, a printer at the Christian Activities Center here. William Steffler, pastor.

BRIARCLIFF MANOR, N. Y. Dr. Robert A. Cook, Wheaton, Ill., has been named the second president of 400 students of The King's College here. He succeeds the late Dr. Percy Crawford, founder and first president, who died Oct. 31, 1960. Dr. Cook served as president of Youth for Christ International for nine years, and for the past four years has been vice president of Scripture Press, Wheaton, Ill.

CHICAGO, ILL. "Inter-Varsity on Campus," a new film of Christian work among college youth, will be released in March by Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, an interdenominational organization active on U.S. campuses since 1940.

LA VERNE, CALIF. Mr. Albert Balzer was guest speaker at First Brethren Church Feb. 11. Mr. Balzer is home on furlough from his work as a technical building expert in our Brethren mission field in Central African Republic. Dr. Elias White, pastor.

GRANDVIEW, WASH. Robert Griffith has resigned as pastor of the First Brethren Church here, effective June 3.

ALEXANDRIA, VA. The Commonwealth Brethren Church cooperated in an area wide Evangelical Youth conference at the Barcroft Community Bible Church in Arlington Feb. 2-3. Rev. Tal McNutt, director of Christian Youth, Inc., was the special speaker. John Burns, pastor.

MANSFIELD, OHIO. Evangelist Bill Eakin, Youth for Christ International Club director of Wheaton, Ill., was the special speaker at Woodville Grace Brethren Church, Feb. 25. M. L. Myers is pastor.

POMPANO BEACH, FLA. Mrs. Minnie Kennedy, missionary to Central African Republic, was the guest speaker at the Graceview Brethren Church, Feb. 11. Dean Risser, pastor.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Hall, P.O. Box 335, Medical Lake, Wash. Rev. Gene Klingler, 14820 Harris, Compton, Calif. Please change Annual.

AMANA COLONIES, IOWA. The Iowa laymen's midwinter retreat was held at the Ox Yoke Inn here Mar. 3. Evangelist Bill Smith was the guest speaker.

WINONA LAKE, IND. The NEW LOOK . . . this is the big news from Winona Lake Bible Conference, announces Rev. Gordon L. Beck, executive manager.

The many friends of the Winona Lake Bible Conference are thrilled with the NEW LOOK they find when visiting the grounds these days.

The board of directors authorized the complete renovation of the Winona Hotel. This work is well under way with completion slated for May 20, 1962. All rooms have been completely remodeled, each with a private bath; new windows have been installed throughout the building, plus a new heating and air conditioning system.

These modern facilities are now available to all groups the year around.

The prospects are for one of the greatest seasons Winona Lake Bible Conference has ever known with America's choicest speakers and musicians assembled to bless hearts.

The season opens June 11 and runs through Labor Day. Write for reservations to: Rev. Gordon L. Beck, executive manager, Box 367, Winona Lake, Indiana.

NOTICE: Churches considering new hymnals are invited to consider *Inspiring Hymns* published by Singspiration. The Brethren Missionary Herald offers them to churches at $1.60 each in quantities, postage paid. (*Inspiring Hymns* was the first choice of the recent National Conference Hymnbook Committee).

ALTOONA, PA. The East District laymen's rally was held at the First Brethren Church, Mar. 3. Ralph Burns, pastor.

In Memoriam

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

WEST, Mrs. William, 77, a longtime member of the Meyersdale Brethren Church, Meyersdale, Pa. passed away Feb. 15.

—William H. Snell, pastor

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 30 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Church	*Date*	*Pastor*	*Speaker*
Wooster, Ohio	Mar. 11-25	Kenneth Ashman	Lex Smith
Leon, Iowa	Mar. 18-25	Glen Welborn	Bill Smith
York, Pa.	Mar. 18-Apr. 1	Herman Koontz	B. Schneider
Kittanning, Pa.	Mar. 20-Apr. 1	William Schaffer	Bob Collitt
Cedar Rapids, Iowa	Mar. 25-Apr. 1	Roy Dice	Bill Smith
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Homerville, Ohio	Apr. 8-15	Robert Holmes	Bob Collitt
Alexandria, Va.	Apr. 8-15	John Burns	Dean Fetterhoff
Rittman, Ohio	Apr. 8-22	Charles Turner	A. R. Kriegbaum
Mansfield, Ohio	Apr. 15-22	M. L. Myers	B. Schneider

FAMILY WORSHIP

By Katherine Bevis

Someone has said that a nation marches forward on the feet of its youth. If this is true, how important it is that our children are given the proper religious training as soon as the child is born.

Children learn very young. Parents, whether they intend to or not, are teaching religion to their children. The kind of teaching is up to the parents.

To make sure that your child develops a strong spiritual structure, the very foundations must be right. In the warm, congenial atmosphere of the home, the daily family devotional can play a vital role in a young child's life.

The time selected, the manner in which it is conducted, and the simplicity of this worship period is of the utmost importance. The time selected depends upon the individual family, but the time should never be when you have to rush through the devotional period. And the language used should never be beyond the understanding of the child.

For a very young child to get the most help from these periods of family worship, the time should be short, the Scriptures and prayers very simple.

The purpose of the home is to develop Christian life. Paul tells us about a little boy whose training started through his grandmother even before he was born. Timothy was of the finest character, very zealous in the Lord's work, and his preaching was of the highest type. A wonderful man in every respect.

What about Timothy's homelife? Paul tells us something about him and his homelife in these words: "When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also" (II Tim. 1:5).

Lois, the grandmother, taught her daughter Eunice, the mother, who in turn with the help of God taught young Timothy in the way of the Lord.

Doubtless family worship was carried on in that home years before Timothy was born.

Family worship which is one of the greatest lessons parents can teach to their children, will cause a lasting impression on the offspring in the home that puts it ahead of the chores and other duties.

Paul gave credit to Timothy's grandmother and mother for what Timothy was doing in the work of the Lord. Paul refers to this by saying: "From a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus" (II Tim. 3:15).

All worship should be conducted in a way to honor and adore God and His Son, Jesus Christ. Instead of permitting our children to run wild and learn the things of the world through movies and corrupt reading material, have the family gather to read the Scriptures and pray. No home with growing children should neglect to have family devotions. When we read in the Holy Scriptures what a Christian family produced in Timothy, there can be no argument against this.

Such a home does not produce delinquents.

The farmer chooses his seed according to the harvest that he would like to reap. He doesn't reap the harvest by simply choosing the seed. There is the planting time. In the process of planting and reaping, the farmer plants the seed, but God brings about the increase. Parents are planting the seeds of righteousness and devotion. These seeds should be planted very early in life so that the child may have the privilege of growing up in an atmosphere that embraces the very presence of God.

The best way to plant these seeds of devotion and reverence to God in the life of your child is to reveal to that child your devotion to God and your reverence for His Word.

What greater opportunity could parents ask for than to sow seeds that will produce Timothy's?

What else will bring about a great harvest?

A nation marches forward on the feet of its youth!

What will our Nation be like in the days that lie ahead?

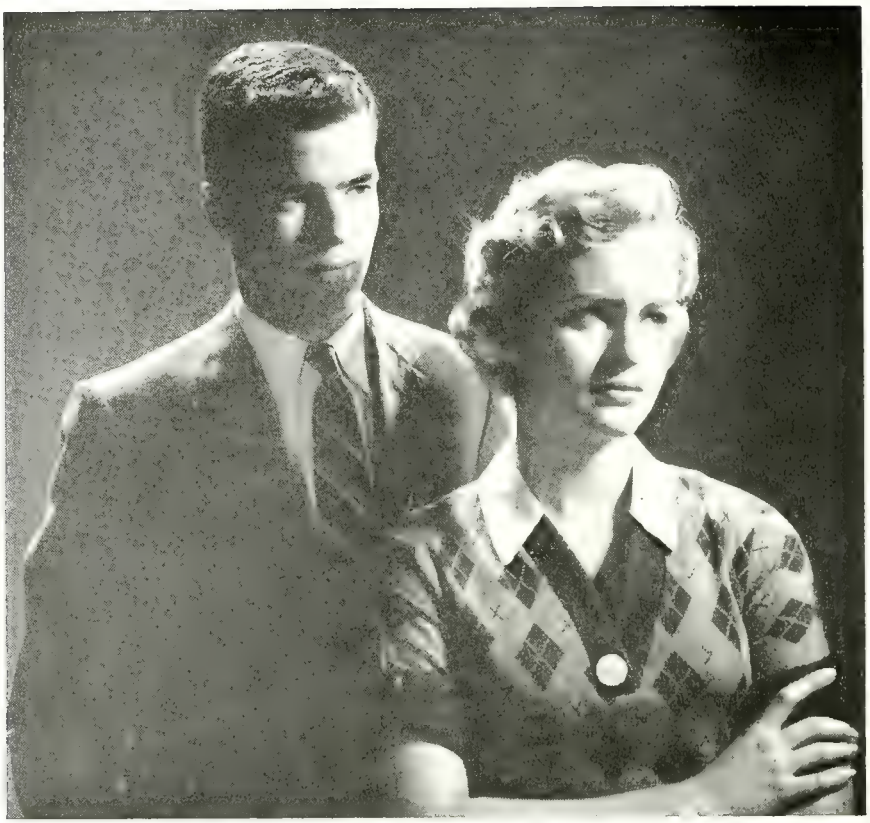


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Everybody Is NOT Doing It!

It happens every day, every night.

A fellow and a girl are on a date, having a good time. They discover that they like each other. Each moment becomes a bit more pleasant.

Then, somewhere along the way the fellow suggests that they do something, or he does something he shouldn't do.

And the girl promptly says: "I don't do those things."

And she might add: "I'm not that kind of a girl."

Chilled silence like an iceberg moves in.

Possibly for only a few moments though, for he quickly recovers and comes back with: "Why, Mary, there is nothing wrong with that! Besides, everybody is doing it!"

Buddy, you had better get a new line!

Everybody is not doing it . . . whatever that "it" may be in your case.

Not that boys are the only ones who come up with wrong ideas on dates. Every date, you know, has certain parts in it that can lead to disagreement.

For example, what shall we do?

Sometimes a girl will seek to persuade her date that a certain amusement—you name it now—is okay. The fellow shakes his head sideways, only to run into her words: "Why, Bill, there's nothing wrong with that. Why, everybody is doing it."

No; Mary, everybody is not doing it!

Let's face it frankly and bluntly. The "everybody is doing it" argument is being worked overtime by the Devil to pull many a teen-ager toward a moral and spiritual breakdown. One thing we need to be clear on, too: Christian teen-agers are much like other teen-agers.

They want to be popular.

They want to be "one of the crowd."

They want to avoid the "odd ball," "square," or whatever tag you have for those people in your part of the country.

So, when a date comes along, the Christian girl wants to be as pleasant and nice as possible. Especially if there has been a drouth in her social life. She wants to make sure, if she likes him, that he'll show up again, and again, and again to make up for those lonesome hours.

Then when she runs into that "everybody is doing it" phrase, which so many fellows have as a part of their line, she faces a problem.

Will she stick to her standards?

Or will she hedge a bit in order to hang onto the hope of keeping this boy coming back for other dates.

What she should say—and what you could well say if you face this situation—is simply this:

"Bill, everybody may be doing it, though that I sort of doubt, but here is one girl who is not going along with the crowd in this particular thing."

Those words may close one of the shortest dates you've ever had, or will have!

When word gets around, and it will get around, for they say that boys gossip as much as girls, you will get a certain tag from the boys at your school, church, and community.

But what you also get, though you do not realize it at the time, is something else for the stand you took—respect.

Know what today's world needs?

It needs a multitude of Christian teen-agers who will not bow down and give in to the vicious inroads which the wrongful use of sex and other aspects of date life have made among North American youth.

It needs to know that in our high school population there is a group of courageous, clean, and powerful teen-agers who can and do walk above the sin as they use the Bible as their guide and Jesus Christ as their way of life.

But, you say, you don't know how tough things are in my situation.

I live in some remote area of North America.

I live in a densely populated city.

Well, whether many people or few are near you, no doubt, you feel many times that as a Christian you are fighting the battle all by yourself.

And so the "everybody is doing it" reasoning sounds pretty good.

Remember this, however—if you hold your standards, be you fellow or girl, that statement must read:

"Everybody; that is, except Mary Smith, is doing it."

And though it may not seem so at all, the jibing crowd respects you—and wishes it had what you have.

And it wonders how you manage to keep free from the sin and wrongful habits that have snared them.

When Mary Smith here—June Jones there—Larry Peterson over here—and so many more of you in your schools and communities are all added up, the world begins to sit up and note that "No; everybody is not doing it."

Christian fellow, Christian girl, dare to live a life that will lift the moral standards to a new high. There are enough others who work in the other direction. Have the courage of your convictions. Know your Bible, and the Scriptural basis for why you do certain things and do not do other things.

Remember—never forget it—that you can do all things through Christ, for He strengthens you (Phil. 4:13).

Never forget that I Corinthians 10:13 is there for your moment-by-moment use, no matter what the situation. "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."

You need not dip your colors.

You need not bow to the pressure from the gang.

Christian girl, if God has given you a beautiful face and a lovely physique which merge with your personality to bring you not a few dates, you can live a Christian life on your dates.

By

Mel Larson

So much so that you will not only draw your boy friend toward Christ, but everyone else you see or meet on that date.

You also can hold your standard of conduct so high that no one will think of "getting fresh."

And all of this time you will, through the power of Christ working through you, help to bring out the best, not the worst, in the fellows you date.

Christian fellow, society has given you an upper hand, for in most cases you ask for the date. As a result a girl will be careful not to offend you because you have, in the first place, been kind enough to ask her for a date.

Remain kind in every way! Keep your own standards high. Treat her like a queen for the night. Clue her in early in the evening that your mind does not run in the gutter and that you are interested only in having a pleasant and interesting date with a girl you sort of like.

A few words in Joshua 24:15 can be your foundation for all of your dates. That verse reads, in part: "Choose you this day whom ye will serve . . . but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

As you walk and ride along the paths and highways of your date life, enjoying these most wonderful years, be bold enough to say, in effect, to those with whom you associate: "You may choose your way, and who you will serve, but as for me, I'll serve Jesus Christ."

A girl asks, and with logic: "If I act that way, won't the dates stop coming? Won't I end up staying home all the time, wasting these wonderful years?"

What is better: "wasting" a few hours, even months or years, or possibly ruining an entire life?

As Christian fellows listen to the conversation of what other young men do on their dates, do they not wonder: "Am I not foolish for holding to the standards I am keeping? Am I off the beam for thinking, and acting, the way I do?"

You are on the beam.

The other boys are off. They know it, too, but will not admit it. One of these years, when marriage is yours, it will be the right kind of marriage and one that God can and will bless with abundance and joy.

No; everybody is not doing it. Never forget that. Remember, too, that Christ is right there to help you live a clean and pure life.

And a surprise likely will come your way. You'll be amazed at how many other kids in your school and community "are not doing it" and who will come out of hiding when they see your flag flying high.

And, who knows, your stand may even result in bringing your way the fellow or girl who some day will walk down a church aisle with you as the wedding music is played.

It has happened—and likely will happen again.

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Youth Page

...of the **Brethren Youth Council**

Compiled by Dave Hocking, National Youth Director



From left to right: Martha Tschetter, Dave Dombek, Evelyn Tschetter, Stan Baker, Bill Kolb, Barbara Austin, and Lois Tschetter.

TEEN-AGE REPORT

This is our 1961 National Championship Quiz Team who will be going to Puerto Rico and visiting our Brethren missionary work there during the spring vacation this April. Every year we send the national winning quiz team to Puerto Rico as a reward for their diligent and faithful study of God's Word. These young people have worked hard to experience this "thrill-of-a-lifetime!" Their stay in Puerto Rico will give them a firsthand view of missionary life, and will challenge their lives as to what needs to be done to win a lost world for Christ.

Don't fail to remember these young people in prayer, and ask the Lord to burden their hearts with the needs of the field. Perhaps God will even call some of them to invest their lives in missionary work as a result of this trip. How thrilling this would be to all of us!

There is a great need also for some financial assistance in regard to the trip. We still lack about $400 in order to care for the expenses of this trip. If the Lord lays it on your heart to help, drop us a line soon.

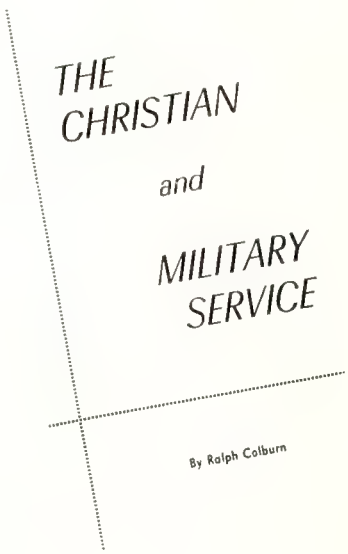
COLLEGE REPORT

While hundreds of college students in various parts of the world are lining themselves up with various movements and trends, it is such a joy when we see our college students take a stand for Christ, and dedicate their lives for the greatest cause in the world! Recently, at the Grace Bible Conference held on the Grace Campus, many college students made decisions for Christ under the inspirational messages of Dr. Torrey Johnson. Several students, refusing to live a hypocritical life, found Christ as their personal Saviour and Lord. Many others made various decisions for the Lord, for a real spirit of revival was evident on campus.

YOUTH EVANGELISM TEAM

We are happy to bring you news of the Lord's blessing these past few weeks. Several young people have received Christ as their Saviour, and several dedicated their lives to the Lord. We have certainly appreciated all the prayers that have been offered to the Lord week by week by our many friends who have promised to pray. Keep praying. God is working in marvelous ways!

One of the greatest joys that comes to us is to hear of the Lord's leading in the life of a young person who makes a decision for Christ. A couple of weeks ago it was our joy to meet a young man who gave his life to the Lord, and who was continuing to live for Christ day by day, and who was daily feeding on His Word. The young man had made a decision for the Lord in one of our meetings this fall.



This new tract by Rev. Ralph Colburn is now available to you by writing the Brethren Youth Council, Box 617, Winona Lake, Indiana. Many of our young men in The Brethren Church have had questions concerning the Biblical position that they should take in respect to their military service. This tract, we feel, presents a clear statement of our position.

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Are Missionaries Unbalanced?

By T. Norton Sterrett

Do missionaries seem a bit odd when they come home on furlough? Perhaps the reason is different than you think.

A missionary probably began as an ordinary person. He dressed like other people, and liked to play tennis and listen to good music. But even before leaving for the field, he became "different." He was admired by some and pitied by others, and known as one who was leaving parents, prospects, and home for a vision.

Now that he's come home again, he's more different. To him some things—seemingly big things—just don't seem important. Even the World Series or the Davis Cup matches don't stir him much. He doesn't see things as do other people. The chance of a lifetime—to meet Toscanini personally—seems to leave him cold.

When you talk about jive, he looks puzzled. When you mention Elvis Presley, he asks who he is. You wonder how long he's been away. All right, how long has he been away? Long enough for thirty million people to go into eternity without Christ with no chance to hear the Gospel. Some of them went right before his eyes—when that flimsy riverboat turned over—when that epidemic of cholera struck. How long has he been gone? Long enough to have two sieges of amoebic dysentery; to nurse his wife through repeated attacks of malaria; to get the news of his mother's death before he knew that she was sick. Yes; he's been away a long time.

So when a missionary comes to your church, remember that he is likely to be different. If he stumbles for a word now and then, he may have been speaking a foreign tongue almost exclusively for seven years, and is possibly very fluent in it. If he isn't the orator you want, he may not have had a chance to speak English from a pulpit for a while. He may be eloquent on the street of an Indian bazaar or an African market. If he doesn't seem to warm up as quickly as you want, remember he's been under a radically different social system since before you started high school, college, or business.

Yes; the missionary is unbalanced. But by whose scales? Ours, or God's?

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The Los Altos Brethren Church (inset) is located on the area shown in the midst of a vast housing development. It is now a self-supporting church.

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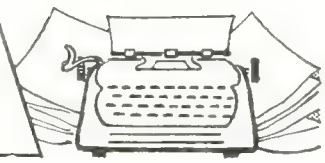
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Editorials

By L. L. Grubb



A Little Chat With Our Home-mission Friends

How about taking a little time with us as a friend of Brethren home missions to have a little chat about a matter which concerns all of us? Occasionally we would like to have such fellowship with you. Perhaps you can advise us and help with the solution of our problem.

Do you have a real, clear conception of what is involved in finding a new church location? Do you have an idea as to what must be done in many instances to improve such a location? Let's take an example.

In Westminster, California, we have a new Brethren church. It is now a little less than two years old. Rev. Robert Thompson, the pastor, and his faithful people have worked hard and have been greatly blessed by the Lord. Growing from a small group their Sunday school now numbers around one hundred.

But they have gone about as far as they can go in their growth without a new church building. And this is a problem in many of our new churches right now.

Do we have a church location? Yes; we do. After months of hard work in combing the area for a location we were finally forced to pay $30,000 for two and one-quarter acres of property. Could we have bought ground for less money? Well, maybe in the middle of a cow pasture. Property all around us was selling for $20,000 an acre. Our price was less than anything in the vicinity.

Perhaps we should have given up trying to build a church in this community because of the cost of property. But this is what we find everywhere. Chicago, Los Angeles, Seattle, and all over America such inflated prices are being paid for good acreage. You can't build a church where there are no people. So, what else could we have done if we want to stay in business for the Lord? Are you still with me?

This is not the end of the story. The city of Westminster has a very rigid code on the development of property just like each other growing American city. Here is what they asked us to do.

1. Give to them a right of way along the front of our property 20 feet by 300 feet. This is 6,000 square feet of land lost in one requirement.
2. Build a six-foot high concrete block wall 900 feet around our property which will cost $2,700.
3. Install curb, gutter, sidewalks, and pave street which will run $4,875.
4. Pay drainage engineering in the amount of about $300.
5. Pay annexation fee to connect to the local sanitary sewer—$984.
6. Run a sewer line from any point necessary to connect whether in front of or on our property. This may run from $500 to $1,000.
7. Install a 10-inch-water main along the front of our property at a cost of $3,000.
8. By the way, we must also engineer the plans for the curb, paving, and so forth before doing any installing. This is $330.
9. Regulations require that we must provide one off-street car space for each *three* seats in a new church. This will cost us the tidy sum of $4,200.

Without the gift of the frontage of land to the city, these amounts total about $16,850. *This means that before we ever begin construction of a church sanctuary, we will have $46,850 in property and improvements.* We used to construct *two* buildings for this amount of money.

This new Brethren group with over one hundred in Sunday school is now meeting in a little, temporary plywood building, which it is almost impossible to heat and which does not begin to meet the code requirements of the city. If the city officials really wanted to be tough, they could put us out of business immediately. Temporarily they may "wink" at this infraction, *but mind you, only if we guarantee to begin construction of a new church by January 1, 1963.* The present building seats only eighty people. Another little, old house on the property together with a couple of old garages are being used for Sunday school. The people in the community are complaining now about these unsightly structures.

Even with California construction, it is impossible to build a presentable and functional church building to seat 200 people for less than $30,000. So, until we get on our property and into a church building at a very minimum of cost, in this case we have expended $76,850.

This is an *actual case before us now.* And, this is very rapidly becoming an *average* case.

Well, if this is true, maybe we should quit building churches. What do you think? If we start them in any form, either a Bible class or a branch Sunday school, we should be prepared to pay the bill. At the most, if a new church is in a bad building and worship situation for more than a year and a half, it becomes very difficult to develop it. Pastor and people become discouraged and the community begins to look down on the new group. To regain prestige is sometimes impossible.

If you were a director of the Brethren Home Missions Council or its secretary, what would you do about such a dilemma?

Don't we believe that the Bible teaches the extension of the church? All of us believe this to be true. But, how are we going to meet this tremendous financial demand?

The Council finds itself in the position of being charged with the job of church extension but does not have the tools to do the job. The directors constantly find themselves with not enough money to balance inflationary increases in caring for our present churches.

Somehow we must meet this challenge together. No doubt first we must pray a little harder. Then we must certainly do everything we can to cut costs. We must make every dollar count to the maximum. But, we can not do this job without your cooperation.

By the way, do you have any other suggestions?

We have enjoyed this little chat with our many home-mission friends. Thanks for staying with us.









Los Altos Brethren Become Self-Supporting

By L. L. Grubb

The vision for a Brethren church in the Los Altos section of Long Beach, California, began in 1952 with Dr. Charles Mayes and the members of the First Brethren Church of Long Beach. New houses were being constructed by the hundreds in this area. It became increasingly apparent that a whole city would come into existence in a short time. One project alone involved 13,000 new houses. So, with true missionary vision, at a business meeting of the church the members voted unanimously to purchase one and one-third acres of land on Stearns Street at a cost of $11,850. The First Brethren Church of Long Beach gave this property to the group for a church location with the understanding that the new church had no obligation to repay the cost. A ground-breaking service was held on the site November 6, 1953. In addition to this the First Brethren Church gave about ninety-one members for this new Brethren church. Also, in other different ways generous financial aid was given.

Top down Nursery class with Mrs Jackie Smith, Mrs Dan Ruff, Mrs. Frank Gallup, Mrs. Dixie Denison, Mrs. Margaret Clements, and Mrs. Joan Lyons. Kindergarten class with Mrs. Beverly Cole and Mrs. Betty Prewitt. Primary class with Mrs. Midge Clark, Mrs. Margaret Reed, Mrs. Katherine Veale, Mrs. Doreen Sorensen, Junior department with Mrs. Louise Reed, Mrs. Betty Keillor, Mr. Jim Boyd, Mrs. Marilyn Kaufman, superintendent, Mr. Harold Nedrow, Mr. Frank Dunigan, and Mrs. Beula Winters. Below: The Los Altos Brethren Church.

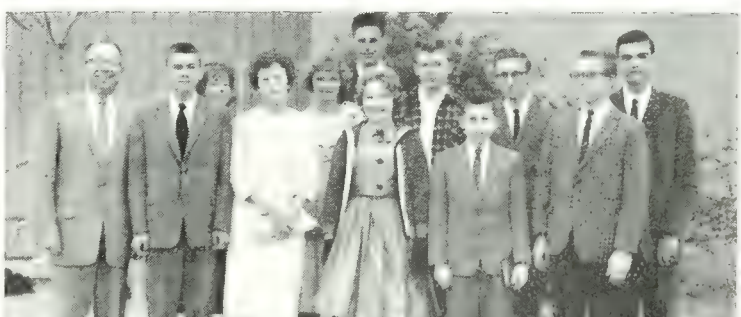




Above: Los Altos Brethren Sunday school. Top down: Dan Ruff's junior high boys; junior high girls, Mrs. Diane McDowell; Floyd Strawsburg's high school class; Jim Bothel's adult class; trustees.









The Los Altos church became associated with the Brethren Home Missions Council at once and has worked with our organization in a wonderful and cooperative manner. From the beginning the members assumed large responsibilities in the operation of the church. The spirit in giving has always been liberal.

A beautiful, new church sanctuary was constructed in 1957 with the help of the Brethren Home Missions Council and the Brethren Investment Foundation. Because of the nature of the property, it was necessary to construct the main church building and Sunday school unit simultaneously. City code regulations made it necessary to finish the building in each detail.

Each previous pastor, Reverend Charles Underwood, Reverend Wayne Flory, Reverend Wayne Beaver, has contributed significantly to the development of this fine church. The present pastor, Reverend Robert Hill, has led the church to many victories and now to the decision to become self-supporting. This means that *all financial* responsibilities are completely assumed by the local church.

The total income in this church was in excess of $25,000 in 1961. Even though the Los Altos church is a larger than average project in church extension, the Brethren Home Missions Council contributed a total of only about $20,000 for its part in developing this work into a strong Brethren church which is now contributing in turn to all Brethren agencies. *This is an excellent example of what can be done by making it financially possible for the Brethren Home Missions Council to establish new churches.*



Pastor and Mrs. Robert Hill and family

Leading of the Lord to Los Altos

By Robert Hill, Pastor

"His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness" (Lam. 3:22-23).

In January of 1961 we were extended a call from the Los Altos Brethren Church and in March we began our ministry among these fine people. The Lord has led us in this move. For fifteen years we had served with our Foreign Missionary Board in connection with our work in Africa, and it was with great regret that we severed ourselves from that field of endeavor, but little did we know that the Lord was leading us to a new mission field. Los Altos is a section of Long Beach that is relatively new. It is filled with young couples and growing families. The possibilities are unlimited as to what the Lord could do through this church. We have a beautiful church building, a fine team of Sunday-school workers, and the best choir in Long Beach (we think). We are confident that the years ahead are going to give us many souls for the Lord.

The year 1961 has been a year of blessings for us at Los Altos. We have had the joy of seeing ninety-three public decisions for Christ and seventy-two of these have united with the church. Many of our people are getting excited about tithing, and we are looking forward to reducing our debt considerably this year. All of these blessings moved our congregation on the night of October 26 to vote to go self-supporting. This was a real move of faith for which we thank the Lord. We want to thank the Home Missions Council for their vision in helping to get this work on its feet and for the fine building they constructed that the people of Los Altos might know that here is a testimony that stands for the whole Word of God.

New Californians Become New Brethren

BY JIM BOTHEL, VICE MODERATOR

As new Californians in 1957, the Lord led our family to the Los Altos Brethren Church at the time when the present sanctuary was in the final stage of construction. Although we were not then acquainted with the Brethren church, our initial visits were at a time when the pastor, Rev. Wayne Flory, was preaching a series of messages on the basic doctrines of our Christian faith. His fundamental and evangelistic preaching of the Word of God, the friendly welcome, and the opportunities for service convinced us that the Lord was leading us to share in the work at Los Altos.

During the past four years we have shared many joys and problems and now rejoice that the church has grown in strength and faith so that it can take this important step toward full local responsibility. We are personally thankful to the many members of the Brethren church who have supported the Home Missions Council and the Brethren Investment Foundation and thereby have helped to establish the Los Altos church.

We Found Christ Via the "Yellow Pages"

My wife and I have been Christians for just a few months now. We really thank God for this real peace of mind and joy that comes only from the Saviour. Neither my wife nor I had much of a religious background, but we knew that something was missing in our lives. We decided church might be the answer. We looked in the yellow pages of the telephone directory and picked the Los Altos Brethren Church. We know now that God led us to this dedicated, Bible-teaching church. We were born-again shortly after that, and we certainly thank God for the real blessings that our church and our pastor are to us. That "something" isn't missing anymore now that we have found the Saviour at the Los Altos Brethren Church.

What My Church Means to Me

BY MR. MIKE GEER

After hanging up the phone I considered the question that my pastor had asked of me and I realized that I had been presented with a project which was almost impossible to complete; that is, in just half a page tell what my church means to me. Last June my wife and I found Christ as our Saviour in this church

and it is very difficult to express what this church means to me.

My church, to me, is a true sanctuary, a place that as I enter through its doors I am possessed by a certain calmness which seems to take me out of this hurried world in which I live. My church is a "workshop" of the Holy Spirit in which a person can listen to the Lord, for you see the Lord's presence seems to be everywhere, in the beautiful music, on the faces of those who attend my church, and in the voices of the choir. His presence is noticed most of all through the sermon which is brought to us from that wonderful Book, the inspired Word of God. My church has been a real blessing to me because it is a church devoted to a message of salvation through Christ.

Los Altos Opportunities

BY FLOYD STRAWSBURG

As a mathematics instructor in Junior High School in the Long Beach Unified School District, I have the opportunity to meet a captive congregation of 185 young people 180 times a year. It is not difficult to pick out those who come from homes where Christ is honored and those who have had a transforming experience with Him. I thank the Lord that He saw fit to touch a young person in a Christian home and cause him to be a new creature by faith in His Son.

In retrospect I can see the hand of God guiding and protecting each step of the way. The verse "My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever" (Ps. 73:26) claimed during World War II has continued to be a source of blessing as problems arise and my strength is so evidently weak.

It has been a blessing to participate in the work here at Los Altos for the past seven years, experiencing the joys and problems that constitute the growth processes of any church. There has never been a lack of ways to serve the Lord and I have had opportunities to broaden my experience as Sunday-school superintendent, teacher, choir director, and so on.

There is no limit to what a person can do for the Lord if he is willing to accept the challenge and allow the Lord to give the strength and wisdom.

I am overjoyed with the step of faith in going self-supporting, for I feel that the Lord has only begun to work in this community to reach souls for Christ.

Librarian Likes Los Altos

BY MRS. FLOYD STRAWSBURG

I am grateful for the opportunity of serving as librarian in the Sunday-school library of the Los Altos Brethren Church. Our library began in 1957 with a few teaching aids on a shelf in the Sunday-school office, but officially began to function on Father's Day of 1958. At that time families and individuals purchased and donated over one hundred books to overwhelmingly endorse the desire for a Christian reading center.

I feel very strongly the need for Christian reading material to help perpetuate our Bible heritage, to serve as a hedge for our young people and families, as a means of growing in grace and knowledge for each member of the body of Christ. Each book checked out seems a victory—whether it be to a primary, junior, father or mother—here can be a challenge that might change a life.

I've enjoyed the fellowship and work here at Los Altos. We feel in a very real way that the Lord guided our footsteps, and we look daily to Him, desiring to glorify Him in whatever we do.



Mrs. Jeanne Price, Nursery department





Top, above: Sunday-school staff: Clyde Kauffman, assistant Sunday school secretary; Howard Lyons, superintendent; Katherine Veale, secretary; Elinore Strawsburg, visitation secretary; Robert Sorensen, assistant superintendent. Below: Trustees of the Los Altos church.

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HOME MISSION FIELD REPORTS

GOSHEN, IND. (R. Paul Miller, pastor). We praise God for five decisions for Christ last Sunday (Feb. 11, '62). The five were all adults and made two complete families in Christ. We have seven more families on our prayer list that need to join these.

LANCASTER, PA. (William F. Tweeddale, pastor). We praise the Lord for His continued blessing here. We baptized six on Febuary 14. We have entered a campaign to double our Sunday school in ninety days.

PARKERSBURG, W. VA. (Richard Placeway, pastor). Now for some church news. We held our second baptismal service within six weeks and baptized three couples and one other man. In addition to the blessing of the service another couple came forward to accept Christ as their personal Saviour. Our Sunday evening service is running close to one hundred.



Robert Burns

Robert Burns will be completing his ministry at Barberton, Ohio on March 25 and starting his new ministry at Kokomo, Indiana April 1. The interim at Kokomo has been supplied with men from Winona Lake, Indiana.

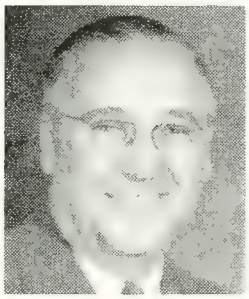
VIRGINIA BEACH, VA. (A. Harold Arrington, pastor). We baptized three last Sunday (Feb. 11) and have two more to be baptized soon. We have entered the "Sunday School Attendance League" composed of Sunday schools in the Southeast district.

POMPANO BEACH, FLA. (Dean Risser, pastor). Just a note to tell you the county here has granted

NEW CHURCH READY TO DEDICATE

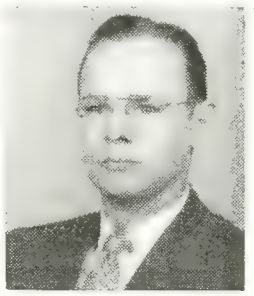
The Grace Brethren Church, Davenport, Iowa, is ready for dedication and have set the date for Saturday, April 14, 1962. A Saturday date was chosen for the convenience of district churches so their members can participate in the special service. Pastor Carl Key has the welcome mat out for any Brethren in the area at dedication time.

the church use of the park shelter house located on State Road 7 at Baily Road. A nominal fee will be charged, and we will have to do our own housekeeping, for there is no custodian for this park. If we can make the move, we will begin using the new facilities March 11.



William Steffler

William Steffler, pastor of the First Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio, will be completing his ministry in April and moving to Hatboro, Pennsylvania. He will be taking up the work of the Suburban Brethren Church pastored by Rev. Lester Smitley. This will be a new experience for Brother Steffler and will add a new face to the family of Brethren home missionaries.



Robert Markley

Rev. Robert Markley has accepted a call to Barberton, Ohio where he will be moving on to the field vacated by Rev. Robert Burns. The Palmyra, Pennsylvania Grace Brethren Church set a new record for becoming self-supporting in fifteen months under Brother Markley's leadership.

SEATTLE, WASH. (Phillip Simmons, pastor). On January 21 we had nine decisions for Christ. Bill Eakin, International Youth for Christ Bible Club director, was the speaker. We took sixteen young people to the district overnight Snow Rally, and our team won the Bible quiz contest for the day.

NEW CHURCH DEDICATED

The new Gay Street Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Maryland, was dedicated on Sunday, March 11, 1962. Rev. Ralph C. Hall of The Brethren Home Missions Council who designed the building was the dedication speaker. On the same day Rev. Lester E. Pifer began a special week of evangelistic meetings to run through March 18. A complete report and details will appear in the April home-mission Missionary Herald.

Some Reasons for Investing

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ISRAEL CALLS!

FOOLISH QUESTIONS AND WITLESS WORDS!

BY BRUCE L. BUTTON

Bible classes for Jewish people are unusual gatherings. As such they can present some unusual and, at times, rather trying situations. The personnel of the Brethren Messianic Testimony have their share of such situations. In fact, we sometimes have more than our share! However, through it all, the blessed Lord gives us wisdom to handle the situation and gets glory to himself. In the light of this we rejoice, for He has been glorified and His Word has gone forth.

Some of these situations arise from the words which are spoken by gentile Christians who from time to time visit our classes. Usually these words are in the form of questions, but sometimes they are what the speaker believes to be statements of fact. However, legitimate questions can be asked at the *wrong* time, and statements of fact can be made at a time when they will be detrimental rather than helpful. Thus a good rule to follow is this: When in an unfamiliar situation, keep your mouth closed and your eyes and ears open. In other words, be an intelligent observer! In so doing you will learn of proper methods and be able to apply them at a future time.

Let me show you what happens when this rule is not followed. Some time ago at one of our evening meetings we had a visitor—a gentile Christian. During our fellowship period (which always follows the gospel service), this dear friend in the Lord asked: "Are all these Jews believers in the Lord Jesus Christ?" This question was asked during a lull in the general conversation and consequently everyone heard it and was awaiting my answer. Very quietly I answered: "There are some here that do believe as you and I do" (and I mentioned the names of these people). "But," I continued, "the others are not Christians, for they have not yet been convinced of the truth about the Lord Jesus. Still they are interested enough in the truth to come to the mission and hear the Word preached and ask questions about salvation." Again the room quieted down: "Well what's wrong with them?" asked this gentile Christian, "Are they crazy or why don't they believe?" At this point I suggested we continue our discussion at a more appropriate time.

I'm sure this person meant well. But I'm also sure he was speaking in his own strength and through ignorance of the situation. The results of what was said that evening still has repercussions in the hearts of some of the Jewish people which heard him. How much better it would have been if he had entered into the general conversation, and when he had opportunity to *briefly* (and I do mean briefly) state what the Lord had done for him and how He had changed his life. Had this gentile believer witnessed in this fashion, a wonderful impression would have been made on these Jewish people and the testimony would have been of genuine help. Now I do not mean to imply that *all* gentile Christians react in this manner, for they do not. Many times our work has been greatly aided when our Jewish friends have fellowshiped with Brethren people. The impressions which have been left have gone a long way in causing the Jewish people to give greater consideration to the claims of the Messiah upon their lives, and we thank God for this!

But strange as it may seem, the Jewish Christian is many times the worst offender in this matter under consideration. And this is perplexing in that they were at one time in the very position their Jewish brethren are in. Still the Jewish Christians seem unable to appreciate the consternation they cause in the heart of the Jewish unbeliever by their harsh statements and actions. Last fall at one of our evening Bible classes, a dear Jewish believer made this statement after I had presented the Gospel: "Brother Button, any Jew that heard that message and still fails to believe in Jesus Christ is either stupid or a fool." Everyone heard the statement, but everyone ignored it. I even failed to acknowledge it with a reply and the "buzz" of general conversation took over. But as I was driving some of the people to their homes, and after I had delivered this person to his home, the rest of the people in the car (all of them being unbelieving Jews) began to discuss this man and his statement. I kept quiet and listened. Without exception these people were of the opinion that if being a Christian did this to you, they wanted none of it.

How much better it would have been had this Jewish Christian testified, and that *briefly*, to the preciousness of the Lord Jesus.

Another statement was made by a Jewish Christian which caused conflict in the heart of all that heard her. This dear Jewish lady, who more than anything else desires to be used of the Lord to win her people to Him, walked up to one of the Jewish women in our class and said: "I can't kiss you anymore until you become a Christian." The unbelieving Jewess was shocked and hurt, for this had been said before the whole group, but she had the good sense to refrain from replying and thus the incident was dropped for the time being. However, again as I drove some of these people to their homes, the foolish statement was brought up and discussed. And the statement brought an adverse reaction from all that were in the car. Again it was a case of "If Christianity does this to you, I want none of it."

We would all do well to remember the rule: Be an intelligent observer! When in unfamiliar situations, keep your mouth closed and your eyes and ears open! In so doing you will learn of proper methods and be able to apply them at a future time. And may I add, you can apply them to the glory of the Lord!

Newspage

MEMBER EPA EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION

WINONA LAKE, IND. The Annual Spring Missionary Conference on Grace Seminary and College Campus, sponsored by the World Missions Fellowship, will be held during the week of Mar. 25-30.

Some of the speakers are: Dr. Francis Steele, home secretary for the North Africa Mission; Rev. James Marshall with the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church in Argentina; Mr. Neill Hawkins, of the Unevangelized Fields Mission in Brazil; Rev. R. Arthur Matthews, regional secretary of the China Inland Mission; Rev. Richard Wilkinson, representing the Unevangelized Fields Mission work in Haiti; and Mr. Vincent Joy, founder and director of the Central Alaskan Mission.

The purpose of the missionary conference is to reveal the need for missionaries and to challenge the students to offer themselves for the Lord's service.

FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA. The 1962 district conference of the Southeast Fellowship of Brethren Churches will convene at the Grace Brethren Church here during July 1-4. Ralph Colburn will be the host pastor.

JOHNSON CITY, TENN. The Grace Brethren Church, Charles Martin, pastor, had an average Sunday school attendance of 93.5 for February. This is the highest average ever recorded for February in this church.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Francis M. Brill, 600 Beachley St., Meyersdale, Pa. Telephone number is Mercury 8-2473. Please change Annual.

LONG BEACH, CALIF. A Youth for Christ service was held at the North Long Beach Brethren Church, Feb. 17. Ethel Waters and the Feenstra Sisters provided the singing. Rudy Atwood, of the Old Fashioned Revival Hour, was the accompanist. George Peek was the host pastor.

BELLFLOWER, CALIF. A new men's fellowship was organized at the First Brethren Church, Mar. 13. A dinner meeting was enjoyed by the men. Vernon Blythe, a Downey Realtor, was the guest speaker.

MONTCLAIR, CALIF. A district SMM rally was held at the Montclair Grace Brethren Church, Feb. 25. Harold Painter was host pastor.

SIDNEY, IND. The Indiana district Youth rally will be held at the Sidney Brethren Church Apr. 13 and 14. Rollin Sandy will be host pastor.

PARKERSBURG, W. VA. The district conference of the Allegheny Fellowship of Brethren Churches will convene at the Grace Brethren Church here May 7-9. The theme of the conference is "God's Enduring Word." Richard Placeway will be the moderator and host pastor.

ELKHART, IND. The Grace Brethren Church, Gordon Bracker, pastor, observed laymen and evangelism Sunday, Feb. 25, by having the laymen of the church in charge of both morning and evening services.

AKRON, OHIO. Dr. Raymond Gingrich, pastor of the Fairlawn Brethren Church, appeared on the radio program "Spotlight on Youth" over station WCRF-FM, Feb. 24.

COMPTON, CALIF. The First Brethren Church conducted a stewardship conference with Rev. Leo Polman Mar. 4.

WINONA LAKE, IND. The Brethren Missionary Herald is sponsoring Vacation Bible School workshops Mar. 26 and 27, at 7:00 p.m. An identical program will be presented each evening. Any Brethren church in Ohio, Indiana, or Illinois within driving distance is invited to attend.

ENDS EARTHLY PILGRIMAGE

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

FLEEGLE, Mrs. Mary Jane, 87, went to be with the Lord, Feb. 23. She was a very faithful member of the First Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa.

—James Sweeton, pastor.

HAWBAKER, Mrs. Sadie, 72, passed from this life on Feb. 20, 1962. She had been a member of the First Brethren Church for sixty years, and had been faithful in serving her Lord.

—Forrest Jackson, pastor.

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 30 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Church	*Date*	*Pastor*	*Speaker*
Fort Wayne, Ind.	Apr. 1-8	Glenn Crabb	Lester Pifer
Lake Odessa, Mich.	Apr. 1-8	Lee Crist	Robert Dell
Hagerstown, Md.	Apr. 2-8	Jack Peters	B. Schneider
Homerville, Ohio	Apr. 8-15	Robert Holmes	Bob Collitt
Dayton, Ohio	Apr. 8-15	Everett Caes	Bill Smith
Alexandria, Va.	Apr. 8-15	John Burns	Dean Fetterhoff
Rittman, Ohio	Apr. 8-22	Charles Turner	A. R. Kriegbaum
Johnstown, Pa.	Apr. 9-15	James Sweeton	B. Schneider
Mansfield, Ohio	Apr. 15-22	M. L. Myers	B. Schneider
Akron, Ohio	Apr. 17-29	Raymond Gingrich	Bob Collitt
Hopewell, Pa.	Apr. 18-29	Sheldon Snyder	Jerry Brubaker
Middlebranch, Ohio	Apr. 22-29	Wesley Haller	Richard Grant
Elyria, Ohio	Apr. 22-29	Galen Lingenfelter	Bill Smith
Meyersdale, Pa.	Apr. 23-29	William Snell	B. Schneider

How can We HELP

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES?

BY TED DENCHER

Their zeal irritates us (perhaps convicts us) and we grow impatient with their methods. . . . Here a former member of the cult tells how we may win them to the Lord.

During the past three years, while speaking to Christians in many denominations concerning the Jehovah's Witness problem, I heard these questions more than any others: "What can we say to Jehovah's Witnesses when they come to our door? How can we help them?"

It is good to see this interest. Too many Christians merely tell the solicitor that they *are* Christians, and then promptly slam the door in his face!

It was my experience, during the ten years I was a Jehovah's Witness, to meet with all types of people. In general I seemed to get one of the following four reactions out of Christians:

"I am a ——— and quite well satisfied with my faith, so I'm not interested, thank you."

"You're unsaved! You're going to hell! You've got to be born again! You have to be saved! All you people are headed straight for hell! Get away and don't talk to me!"

"I am a Christian! I've been saved —born again! I know the Lord as my personal Saviour! I'm going to heaven! I'm a church member! I'm a church worker! I'm a *Christian!*"

"My! my! A nice young man like you! Going from door to door and selling that *trash!* How did you ever get mixed up in that crazy outfit anyway? You ought to be ashamed of yourself? You should get out of that organization, burn that literature and stay away from the Kingdom Hall! Furthermore, you ought to stop going from house to house in my neighborhood and telling all my neighbors that crazy stuff!"

None of these reactions ever impressed me. If you have given any of the responses outlined above, you are doing more harm than good. Let me explain.

It does no good whatsoever to

name your denomination. At least 50 percent of Jehovah's Witnesses are former Catholics. Most of them know very little, if anything, about the Protestant churches and their beliefs. What little they do know has been handed to them from the *Watchtower* hierarchy, and this material is designed to poison their minds against the churches—all of them.

Telling a Jehovah's Witness he is going to hell does not upset him. He thinks hell is only the grave, and he is going there to sleep until an earthly resurrection takes place; then he will be raised out of hell (the grave) to life on earth during the Millennium.

Nothing impresses a Jehovah's Witness less than your telling him he must be born again, or that he must be saved. He has no idea what you are talking about. To him Jesus is only a created angel and does not save anybody, so he is not interested when you tell him he should accept Jesus (merely a created angel) as his Saviour.

Giving a testimony does not help. A man who does not have a testimony of his own may not appreciate yours. When I was a Jehovah's Witness nothing irritated me more than to have to listen to a testimony.

If you have been telling the Jehovah's Witnesses to get out of the organization, you are not telling them anything an unsaved person could not tell them. So how are they to detect a difference between what you say and what unsaved people tell them?

What You Should Do

You ought to witness to these Jehovah's Witnesses in an effectual way. You ought to have something worthwhile for them to take away from your door. Remember, they should be treated as you would expect to be treated if you were knocking on *their door*. There are two possible methods to use; it will depend on your knowledge as to which of these two you might use.

First, if you do not have a good, sound, working knowledge of the Bible (young Christians, new Christians), under no circumstances whatsoever should you hold a discussion or get into an argument with the Witnesses. You can be of help to them in the following manner:

After greetings have been exchanged, thank the person for coming to see you. Tell him you are grateful for his interest and concern for you. If you really want to take him by surprise, say: "I thank the Lord for sending you to my door this morning." Then identify yourself. You might say that you are a Christian, having become so, not by your original birth, but by spiritual birth which you attained by confessing Jesus Christ as your Saviour.

Go on to explain that, as a result of this, you have everything spiritually that you shall ever need, more than the Jehovah's Witnesses could ever offer you. But, you say, you are not content to keep it to yourself, but wish to share it with this person.

You should now have some printed material handy to give to the representative. This writer has special literature available which can be used for this purpose. Or you might like to use any good gospel literature available. Take it and offer it *along with something identifying the church with which you are affiliated* (even if it is only a church bulletin). Hand this to the Jehovah's Witness, saying: "Please take this and read it with your Bible as soon as you get back home this afternoon!" A note of urgency in your voice would not be out of the way.

Then, finally, you should offer to pray for this person. You might say something like this: "Prayer availed much in my life, especially the prayers of others on my behalf before I became a Christian. And so I shall be remembering you in earnest prayer. Please come back again."

Those who know the Bible well could handle the situation somewhat differently and with more effect and lasting good. You can challenge the Witness. Ask him: "You do not believe in Christ as I do, do you? That is, you do not accept Him as equal to the Father, the second Person of the triune Godhead?" The Jehovah's Witness will have to admit that he does not. Then you say: "Well, I can prove to you from the Bible that He is what I say He is."

If the Jehovah's Witness refuses to hold a discussion, it is not because he does not wish to discuss that topic; he is under pressure to perform his tasks assigned to him within a certain given time, and he tries to make the schedule. Arrange a time suitable to both of you and make an effort to have him meet with you then. I suggest that you get his name and telephone number; if he does not show up, give him a call.

You must remember that this person with whom you are dealing needs your help desperately. He is required to teach the following seven doctrines under pain of excommunication:

1. Jesus Christ is *not* God the Son; he is Michael the archangel.

2. The Holy Spirit is *not* a person; "it" is an "active force."

3. There is no soul in man; we are bodies only, the same as the animals.

4. Jesus Christ was never raised bodily from the tomb; He became a spirit.

5. Jesus will never come again visibly from heaven; He "came" invisibly in 1914.

6. There is no punishment for the wicked—no "hell"; we die like animals.

7. Only 144,000 persons will go to heaven; all others will come to life on earth during the Millennium.

These are only the seven main doctrines; there are myriads of others, too numerous to mention here.

From time to time I meet folk who were saved while in the midst of all this heresy. Do what you can and pray for these people. They come to your door because the Bible has taken on a new meaning to them. Show them that they must go further and accept it all the way. If you will stick to the subject of the deity of Jesus Christ, you will never go wrong. Stick to it until they admit that He is truly our God and Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.

After they are saved, it will be easier for them to see the fallacy of these other doctrines, and your task will then be easier. Turn them over to the Holy Spirit and your joy will be still easier.

LAYMEN'S PAGE

THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN LAYMEN

COMPILED BY KENNETH E. HERMAN

Your Scholarship Dollars at Work!

Men, your gifts have made possible the laymen's scholarships granted to these worthy students! Even though the entire $10,000 scholarship fund was not on hand, at last year's national conference laymen's sessions the men voted to take a step of faith and begin granting the scholarships. The interest received from the money on hand plus an amount from the general fund was to be used.

Five students at Grace College were each granted $100 scholarships for the 1961-62 academic year. Four of them are pictured on this page. I'm sure I speak for each of them when I say, "Thank you laymen!"

The five recipients and their prospective vocations are as follows: Opal Kirk from Grafton, West Virginia. Plans to be a high-school English and music teacher.

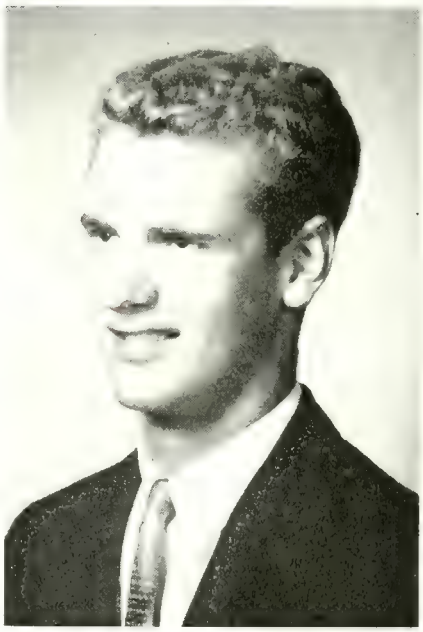
Eddie McKinney from Johnson City, Tennessee. High-school teacher.

Gary Fulmer from Puerto Rico. Serve the Lord in the ministry.

Sandra Simpson, Toppenish, Washington. Missionary Service in literature and printing.

Not shown is Benjamin Cranford from Rialto, California. He is a math and history major.

We're certain that each layman and laymen's group wants to have a part in this tremendous scholarship program. Current plans are to award five scholarships each year to deserving Brethren students at Grace College. As soon as the $10,000 scholarship fund is completed, the interest derived from it ($500) will automatically provide the money for the grants. Perhaps you would like to make a personal gift for the completion of this fund . . . or maybe your local laymen's group would like to set a goal for this important project. Send your gifts to Mr. Ben Zimmerman, R.R. 1, Warsaw, Indiana.



Gary Fulmer



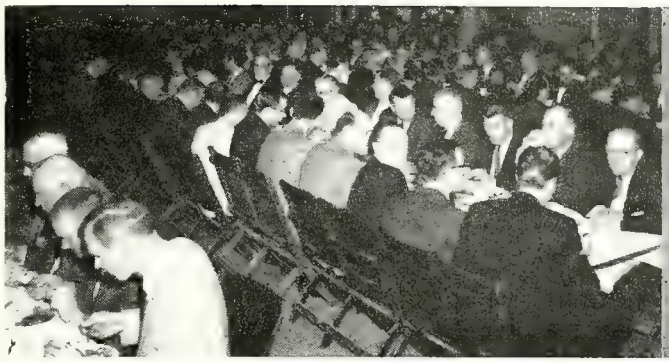
Opal Kirk



Eddie McKinney



Sandra Simpson



Group at the Southern-California-Arizona District banquet.



Southern California-Arizona district laymen's committee: Left to right: Don Murray, secretary-treasurer; Lee Johnson, Don Dyer, George Smith, chairman; Vernon Stanfield.

LAYMEN IN THE NEWS

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA DISTRICT. The laymen of the district met for their annual banquet on January 30, 1962 in the auditorium of the Brethren High School in Paramount, California. (See pictures above.) An excellent meal was served to and speedily dispatched by over 300 men. Dr. Glenn O'Neal laid before the men the challenge of individual responsibility for the growth of district missions. The largest city and the largest state in the Nation offer unequalled opportunity for the proclamation of the Gospel.

Richard Woike, a twice-born investment broker of New York and Los Angeles, spoke forthrightly and pointedly for the necessity of daily Bible study. He demanded each of us to be productive for God in these last days.

Brother Wayne Flory rounded out the program by singing some beautiful hymns of the matchless love of God and the response it brings in our hearts. Each man was encouraged to become interested in the local men's work in every church of our National Fellowship of Brethren Churches.

Announcement was made of the annual men's retreat to be held on April 13, 14, and 15 at Alpine Lodge. One hundred and forty men are expected to attend.

—Willard E. Lohnes, M.D.

HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND. Andrew E. Auxt, a layman and Sunday-school superintendent of the Calvary Brethren Church here, was the author of a recent article in *Power* magazine. It appeared in the February 18 issue of the Sunday-school take-home paper.

NORTHERN OHIO DISTRICT. Northern Ohio district men held a business committee meeting on January 15 at the Grace Brethren Church in Ashland. On March 5, a district rally was held at the Mansfield Grace Church. The theme of the rally was "Soul-Winning for Men," and the speaker and songleader was Harold Bolesky, an outstanding layman in the Mansfield Grace Church.—Earle Cole

TROY, OHIO. The men of the Grace Brethren Church have formed a men's fellowship. Their first meeting was held on January 18, with nine present. Officers elected were: Irvin Lair, president; Jerry Chaney, vice president; and secretary-treasurer, Donald Meek. Prayer is requested for this new group.—Donald Meek.



Left to right: Richard Woicke, speaker; George Smith, Dr. Glenn O'Neal. (Photos by Richie Fralick.)

WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA. The second annual Sweetheart's Banquet of the Community Brethren Church was celebrated February 3 as a joint venture of the Men's Fellowship and the WMC. It was held in a large banquet hall in uptown Whittier and approximately 300 sweethearts were in attendance.

Mrs. Tony Fontane testified of her experiences in the Christian life as a challenge to walk by faith in this life and for the one to come. Mrs. George Cook and Mr. Tom Campbell also pointed out the complete confidence we may have for everyday living when peace has been made with God by applying His way of salvation in our lives. A number of visitors were present.

—Willard E. Lohnes, M.D.

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MODERN-DAY SUBSTITUTIONS IN THE CHURCH

By John R. Terrell

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Gossip has been substituted for Gospel.
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Murmur has been substituted for mercy.
New mirth has been substituted for new birth.
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Agencies have been substituted for urgencies.

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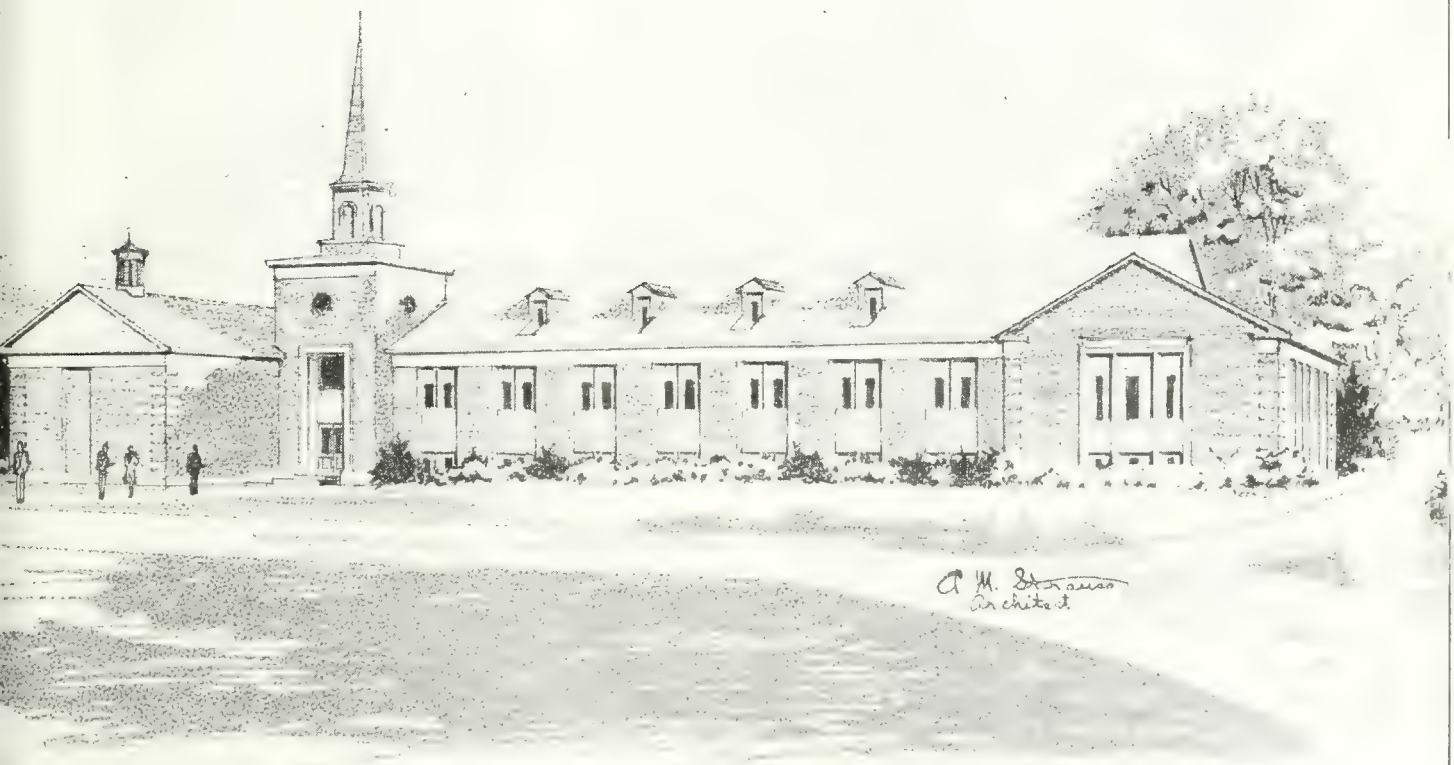
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Good Reading Is a Good Habit

By Samuel Vila

Nothing needs such strict vigilance and self-discipline as does reading, for not all reading increases our knowledge or expands our minds. It may do entirely the opposite. We need wisdom so that our reading will be a blessing and not a curse—a means of genuine Christian growth.

No Christian should permit himself to read novels that excite the evil senses and encourage him to sin; nor should he poison his mind with filthy ideas. It is said that one's heart and mind are formed by what he reads. If this is true in the world, much more is it true among Christians.

While a Christian may absorb spiritual knowledge through sermons and worship services, a good book may contribute far more toward the instructing and forming of Christian character. One hour on Sunday and another hour during the week is not enough stimulus for growth in a Christian. There must be dedication of time to reading.

Spurgeon, Meyer, and so many other great servants of God would have been only names in history had their thoughts not been written in books. Now, though they have passed away, these men still speak to us.

But if biographies, devotional books, commentaries, and other books are necessary for the Christian, what shall we say about a good Christian novel? It is the nourishing bread of the adolescents, as well as a great medium for the evangelization of many people.

Some people say they don't have time to read. This is relative. How many hours do we spend talking about unimportant things? If we were to add up the half hours and quarter hours wasted in more or less insignificant conversation in just one year, we would realize that had we spent that much time in reading, we probably could have read a whole library! I'll admit, chatting is often a more attractive pastime than reading, but which is more profitable? Which can better form our Christian character and fill us with useful knowledge for the blessing of our fellow men wherever we may find ourselves?

Just as the Apostle Paul says, "None liveth for himself," the increase of our spiritual knowledge should not be selfishly acquired for ourselves only, but for the world that surrounds us.

We must be reading Christians!

Digest—E.L.O. Bulletin

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This year Grace Theological Seminary celebrates twenty-five years of faithful ministry in the preparation of young men and women to herald the Gospel to the ends of the earth. The seminary building pictured on this week's cover was completed in 1951.

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Dr. and Mrs. Alva J. McClain

Dr. McClain Requests Retirement

The Executive Committee of the board of trustees of Grace Theological Seminary and College, recently in session at Winona Lake, March 5, 1962, received from President Alva J. McClain the following request:

> "It is my desire to retire from the presidency of Grace Theological Seminary and Grace College, to take effect on August 31, 1962, which will mark the completion of twenty-five years in this position. To facilitate the change of administration, I shall be ready to turn over my duties and responsibilities to a successor as soon as elected by the board of trustees."

In presenting his request for retirement, Dr. McClain expressed to the Executive Committee his feeling that with the completion of twenty-five years as president his tenure should not be extended further; that the rapid growth of the school and consequent multiplication of responsibilities require a younger and more vigorous administrative head. He also indicated his willingness to continue in some part-time teaching and in a consultative relationship to the general administration as the board may desire.

In recognition of his desire for retirement, the Executive Committee with reluctance consented to receive Dr. McClain's request and to submit it to the board of trustees at a meeting called for the latter part of April. The Committee asks the many friends of the school to pray earnestly for this meeting to the end that the Holy Spirit of wisdom and counsel may guide in all its deliberations. The Committee, pending a more extended and formal statement from the board at a later time, wishes to issue this brief expression of appreciation for Dr. McClain's long and valued ministry.

In the year 1937, a time of crisis in both the Brethren denomination and the general field of Christian education, God brought Grace Theological Seminary into existence to meet a very definite spiritual and educational need. This work was carried on from its beginning under the direction of Dr. McClain, and in 1948 Grace College was added as a division of the school. Under his able leadership, assisted by a dedicated board and faculty, the total institution has grown both numerically and in educational stature, and has made its impact widely felt within and outside our denominational limits as a place of Christ-centered learning.

In the good Providence of God, Dr. McClain has been spared for these twenty-five years of consecrated leadership. For his counsel and guidance we shall ever be grateful to our Lord. Not only has he served commendably as an administrator and teacher, but he has been instrumental in the formulation of a policy of Christian education that reaches out into every area of our labors both at home and abroad. Grace Theological Seminary and Grace College have become the educational lifeline of our Brotherhood.

We also feel deeply indebted to Dr. McClain for the large part he has had under God in the building up of the loyal and capable staff of administrators and teachers in our school. The transition from his twenty-five years of leadership will be the more easily accomplished because this staff will be present to carry on the labors so ably inaugurated and pursued.

Lester E. Pifer, secretary
The Executive Committee of the board



WITH NEWNESS EACH SPRING

BY DEAN WALTER

What new theme can I present today?

What have I not brought to my people before?

How can I hold their interest and let them know that the wells of God's grace are deep and inexhaustible?

Such thoughts become those of the pastor who faces the congregation week after week and year after year—especially at such times as Christmas and Easter, the great sacred holidays of the faith. At such times as these, the question of how to present the old truth in a new light is always prominent in the mind of the speaker.

One feels that every eye is surveying him after facing the same congregation for thirteen years on these wonderful days. The congregation wants a completely new sermon. Every ear still holds the echo of every statement ever uttered from this pulpit on an Easter morning.

But then the truth begins to put these fancied errors to flight with the realization that our people want to hear the old, old, story again in its simplicity. They want to hear again the message of the angel: "He is not here: for he is risen!"

They merely want to stoop down with John and Peter and peer into the empty tomb. They want to pick up again the gravecloth and find it empty . . . to pick up the napkin that was around His head, lying there in a place by itself. They want to walk through the fragrant garden in the morning with Mary, and hear the voice of the "Gardener" repeat the name of Mary.

Yes; what our people want to hear is that Jesus Christ is alive! Can it be told too often? Can such news ever grow old? In days like today, in the shadow of devastating forces on every hand, our people want the reassurance that He lives! That He is still Master of the situation.

Do you recall how when we were children, our mothers would read to us from some very favorite storybook each night before we fell asleep. Each night mother would ask: "Well, what story shall I read tonight?" Did we not invariably answer: "Read *such and such* a story." The very same story that we heard every night for weeks, or even months. And if mother should decide to hasten her task by skipping a paragraph or shortening a sentence, we would rise from our wee beds indignantly and correct the record.

We did not want the story changed; we wanted something permanent and unchanged for our little world of dreams. And grown-ups are merely children with bigger bodies, bigger playthings, and bigger dreams. Particularly do we want something permanent in the midst of our changing times.

And so back to the morning of the resurrection. We find that, indeed, it is just as it was. It is the miracle of the ages, happening in a world that didn't expect it, and for a people who didn't exactly know what to do about it. But when those things went forth in the power of their risen Lord, they turned the world upside down—or better, began to turn it right side up.

The message is simple and direct. It says that God sent His Son into the world to become a man, to be born as men are born, to live among

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Human Failure and the Divine Remedy

By Dr. Alva J. McClain

President of Grace Theological Seminary



Some time ago one of the leading educators of this country spoke before an important educational association. He made a startling confession of the tragic inadequacy of the entire field of education as generally conducted at present. This man, after making a somewhat gloomy diagnosis of the present situation, asked: "What did we professors teach our college-bred leaders that made them act this way? Or what did we *fail* to teach? I confess *I am ashamed* of this part of our record. I am ashamed that the leaders we have turned out have lacked either the intelligence or the character to foresee or prevent the incredibly stupid chaos that now grips the world."

The answer to the above searching questions is twofold: with a few notable exceptions, the professors have taught many things they should *not* have taught; and they have failed to teach some other things which they should have taught.

First, these educational leaders have taught a materialistic, evolutionary view of the world, very shortsightedly failing to understand the end to which such views must at last inevitably lead. They taught their students that man is merely a brute ascended from other brutes. They either denied or put the question mark of agnosticism before the existence of a personal God and the future life. And then when the graduates of their classes coldly and logically applied in the business and political world the same godless philosophy they had learned in the schools, the professors held up their hands in horror and amazement. Now they are finding out at last that you cannot get men to live like the angels after you have convinced them that they are nothing but brutes.

Second, the educators have quite generally failed to teach their students the true values of human life as revealed in the person, words, and work of the Lord Jesus Christ. And this ominous failure exists today, not merely in state-supported schools, but often also in schools which claim to be Christian. In such institutions Christianity is often relegated to a brief chapel period; and even here the presentation is thin, vague, and uncertain. The so-called "ideals of Jesus" may be patronizingly complimented from the chapel platform, but the Son of God knocks in vain upon the average classroom door. "Religion and science do not mix," the student is informed so often that he finally comes to believe it. Is it any wonder, then, when he emerges in the world of business or government, that he continues to embrace the same rule of life that he learned in college—goes to church perhaps piously on Sunday morning, but during the rest of the week shuts the door of his office in the face of Christ.

And then the professors hold solemn conventions, ask what has gone wrong, or else decide that they must have more freedom to deny the truths of the Christian faith and propagate the vicious cult of materialistic philosophy. An educational system without the saving presence of the Son of God is doomed to failure. The harvest may tarry, but it is sure to come at last.

Even the materialistic scientists are not quite so sure of themselves today as they once were. They have begun to wonder about their own educational theories. Scientific discoveries have given to men a control over their material environment which is almost incredible, and have brought a vision of the possibility of an economic and social millenium. But no way has been found within scientific formulae to prevent men from using their own materialistic creations to destroy themselves. Morally and spiritually, therefore, all the travail of a Christless educational process has brought forth nothing but wind. And some of its leaders are confessing at last that they do not know the answers.

Well, the divine solution was once given, and it has never been altered: *"Ye must be born again."* Apart from the life and control of Jesus Christ, the world is doomed. Science and learning

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CAMPUS NEWS

BY KNUTE LARSON

SEMINARY SENIORS FIRST IN STUDENT BODY PROJECT

The senior class in the seminary was the first class to raise $4 for each of its members in the recent Grace financial project of $1586 to build one classroom of the proposed James Gribble Memorial High School in Africa.

The goal of the financial drive—one student=one square foot of building—was decided upon by the Inter-school Student Council and adopted by the student bodies of the seminary and college.

The Gribble High School will be built to accommodate educational needs caused by the growth of the work of the Brethren missionaries of the Central African Republic.

Offerings were taken in chapel by the councils and in individual class meetings. The juniors of the seminary were second to meet their goal for the project, which began in mid-February and ended March 9. The college juniors were first in the college, third in the combined competition.

NEW CLUBS FORMED ON GRACE CAMPUS

A Young Republicans Club and a Sigma Tau Theta have recently become offical clubs at Grace College. The G-Men Club and a Monogram Club were formed earlier this year.

The Republicans Club was organized by a group of students interested in promoting a greater political interest on campus—especially, of course, on the G.O.P. side of the road.

Sigma Tau Theta is an organization for students interested in "full-time" Christian work. The group meets to discuss matters that pertain to seminary training and present personal preparation.

The G-Men Club is for athletic letter-holders; the Monogram Club is for girls in the Women's Recreation Association who have earned a certain number of points.

KAMMERER, LANCER'S RECORD BREAKER

To outdo All-Americans Terry Dischinger, of Purdue, and Jimmy Rayl, of Indiana University, a battle for the state scoring lead really takes some doing.

And, this is just what Grace College's sterling sophomore, Chet Kammerer, did this last year by scoring 732 points in 29 Lancer contests for a nifty 25.2 average.

Dischinger and Rayl finished with 726 and 714, respectively. In his tremendously-consistent year, he proceeded to break one state record, four Mid-Central Conference records, and six school records. He tied still another school mark.

The state record was formerly 700 points in one season set by Bailey Robertson, of Indiana Central, in 1955-56. Kammerer broke that record in his next to last game, as he poured in twenty-nine points against Malone College, of Canton, Ohio.

The MCC records that he set are 217 points in one conference season (eight games), eighty-four field goals in one season, 49 free throws, and a 27.1 average. He will undoubtedly break another record next year in the conference, set by Dean Merryman of Huntington College. Merryman scored 464 points in three years of conference play. Kammerer has 336 in two.

He literally rewrote the Grace College record book. Naturally, he set records in total points for a season. His field goal output for the season, 283, and free throws, 166, were also records, as was his 25.2 average.

He was the most-fouled Lancer, getting 266 tosses from the charity line.

His high game, of forty-one points against Tri-State on February 13, was also a record as was his 245 rebounds grabbed during the season. This in spite of his slight 6' 0" 165-pound frame.

The record he tied was sixteen field goals in one game.

As a result of his record-shattering year, Kammerer was the highest vote getter on the All-Conference team and was nominated, too late, by the Indiana Associated Press for possible consideration as a Small College All-American.

He also received a query from the Chicago Packers professional basketball team of the National Basketball Association.

Results come from determination, practice, and a natural skill. Kammerer is considered by Coach Richard Messner as a "coach's player." He practices hard and long.

He won another "battle" this year at Grace also. In an Alumni Bible Conference session, Chet accepted Jesus Christ as his Saviour under the ministry of guest speaker Torrey Johnson. At least three others on the team made similar decisions during the week.

Chet says he's happy with his decision and is set to stay at Grace. He is the leading scorer on a losing team (6 and 23), and would most likely be a target for bigger schools. But, he's already talking about next year and the Lancers. His high-scorer reputation has brought the usual hazard of everyone expecting a sensational performance every night. This was illustrated after Chet's last game of the season, when he tossed in seven field goals and nine free throws.

The comment was made, "Chet only got twenty-three."

—Phil Landrum.

NOTICE TO H. S. SENIORS

Applicants for 1962-63 are required to take the A.C.T. examination. Information may be obtained from your guidance counselor or the Office of the Registrar, Grace College.

College Choir To Take Seventeen-Day Eastern Tour

The Grace College choir will begin a seventeen-day Easter season tour of Brethren churches in four eastern states on Friday, April 6.

Led by Prof. Donald Ogden, the twenty-seven-voice group will present sacred music centered around worship, an Easter theme, and songs of testimony.

The complete schedule is as follows:

Saturday, April 7—West Liberty, Ohio, Youth for Christ
Sunday, April 8, a.m.—Englewood, Ohio, Grace Brethren Church
Sunday, April 8, p.m.—Dayton, Ohio, North Riverdale Brethren Church
Monday, April 9—Uniontown, Pa., First Brethren Church
Tuesday, April 10—Meyersdale, Pa., Brethren Church
Wednesday, April 11—Everett, Pa., Grace Brethren Church
Thursday, April 12—Martinsburg, W. Va., Rosemont Brethren
Friday, April 13—Hagerstown, Md., Grace Brethren Church
Saturday, April 14—Harrisburg, Pa., Youth for Christ
Sunday, April 15, a.m.—Harrisburg, Pa., Melrose Gardens Brethren
Sunday, April 15, p.m.—Palmyra, Pa., Grace Brethren Church
Monday, April 16—Duncansville, Pa., Leamersville Brethren
Tuesday, April 17—Johnstown, Pa., First Brethren Church
Wednesday, April 18—Homerville, Ohio, West Homer Brethren
Thursday, April 19—Akron, Ohio, First Brethren Church
Friday, April 20—Rittman, Ohio, First Brethren Church
Sunday, April 22, a.m.—Mansfield, Ohio, Woodville Grace Brethren
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Winona Lake, Ind.		25.00
Clayton, Ohio		29.00
Non-Brethren		78.51
Totals		238.10



IT DOESN'T QUITE ADD UP

The total of all investments, gifts, and pledges for the proposed Grace College dormitory is growing.

Though only about $65,000 is needed to give enough security to break ground, another $200,000 will be required to make completion possible.

Ground-breaking— planned for May 1—will mean that a great deal has been accomplished.

Consider the need. Realize the opportunity. Then give or invest (5 percent, $500 and above; 4 percent, under $500) in this much needed housing project.

Current financial status: Giving, $79,474; investments, $90,304; pledges, $12,804; total—$182,582.

For further information on investing, write to Golden Opportunity Investment, Brethren Investment Foundation, Winona Lake, Indiana.

The Changeless Christ

By William A. Ogden, D.D.

Executive Vice President, Grace Theological Seminary

"Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever" (Heb. 13: 8). He cannot change in His moral character, for He is eternally the holy One. He cannot change in His relation to truth, for He is eternal truth. "For I am the Lord, I change not" (Mal. 3:6). He cannot change in regard to man, sin, and salvation. "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning" (James 1:17).

What a majestic picture of God is thrown upon the screen of our minds in these wonderful words! Man is not so constituted but is a creature of change in knowledge, in ideas, in ideals, in his emotions, and in his motives. In fact, change is so much a part of man's experience that he often declares that there is nothing abiding in all the universe around him.

Since his appointment by President Kennedy as the director of United States Information Agency, Edward R. Murrow has said: "We live in a world where there are no absolutes. One man's truth may be another man's lie." But God, and the Word of God are changeless. It is only when our lives are vitally joined to God in Christ that we get our feet on solid rock. Someone has imagined a conversation between Adam and Eve as they were being thrust out of Eden and its perfect environment for the imperfect world of thorns and thistles, of toil and sweat and pain. "My dear," Adam is supposed to have said, "we are living in an age of transition." Changes are so common and are brought about so rapidly that most of us are confused and stand in amazement wondering what will be next.

A Changeless Foundation

"Upon this rock I will build my church." The Book of Acts tells this story. It is a picture of the greatest spiritual movement in human history. In spite of the bitterest kinds of persecution, men were being saved and multitudes of converts were streaming into the infant church. In Acts 1 we find a mere 120 disciples. In chapter 2, 3000 more are added, and the Lord continued to add to the church daily such as should be saved. In chapter 4 we are told that the number of men was about 4000, and then chapter 5 speaks of the believers that were added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.

A Changeless Message

You will quickly learn that the Good News of Acts was that Jesus was the Messiah. That He was crucified, buried, and on the third day resurrected. These folk were called believers because they believed something. There was no call to revise their theology from day to day, or year to year. In contrast, the professing church today stands with the pagans in Athens to tell or to hear something new. If it is not new, they say, it is not true. History records the great revivals which came about as a result of preaching a great message. Why should men believe that today this message is no longer sufficient? Why do they believe that a message of human wisdom will do a better job?

God has told us in the Bible of a place He calls heaven, and describes it as beautiful beyond comprehension. He has described hell as the final abode of Satan and all evil, a place where pain and suffering will be the eternal state of the wicked. God, who changes not has revealed these things because they are eternally true. Man supposes he can eliminate these realities by denying their existence. One of our great preachers has described these modern deniers of the truth of God's Word by saying of them, "They have gone through heaven and said there is no gold there. They have gone through hell and said there is no fire there. They have gone through the grave and said there is no resurrection there." Modern theologians tell us that we must change our message and our faith to meet the changed world in which we live. They retain the old terms which are precious to Christians, but invest them with new and strange meanings. Thus they would take away our birthright and leave us in hopeless despair.

A Changeless Method

This method embraced the whole church as witnesses of the Gospel: "We all are witnesses" (Acts 2:32). W. B. Riley, commenting of Acts 2:41 said: "The believers were added together, not for self-defense, but to propagate the truth, to make converts."

Dr. Cummings has said: "The Holy Ghost from the day of Pentecost has occupied an entirely new position. The whole administration of the affairs of the church of Christ since that day have devolved upon Him. That day was the installation of the Holy Spirit as the administrator of all things." And so it was that the Early Church prayed in the Spirit (I Cor. 14:15), they sang in the Spirit (I Cor. 14:15). They worked in the Spirit (Acts 13:1), and they walked in the spirit (Gal. 5:16).

Application

It is related that on one occasion John Vassar approached a society woman in a large hotel dressed for the ballroom with the question: "Do you love the Lord Jesus?" The woman went to her husband in deep concern. "Why didn't you tell him it was none of his business?" he asked. "But husband," said the woman, "if you had seen the expression on his face, and heard the earnestness with which he spoke, you would have thought it was his business." Soul-winning is the Christian's business. We had better attend to our business.



BY W. RUSSELL OGDEN

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SCATTERED SHEEP

There is no denying that the sheep of God's flock are not as vibrantly alive as they ought to be. Any local shepherd will tell you this. They have no appetite for spiritual food, they are absent from the fold for weeks on end, and often appear to be placidly content in the company of their natural enemies. Many are seen sauntering shoulder to shoulder with wolves. When finally they are slain and devoured, they have become so faint that their bleat of protest either is unheard or unuttered.

The shepherds lament this condition. Many of them are confused by it. They frequently attribute it to sheer lethargy, or to willful apostasy, or to cowardly surrender to materialism, and try to exhort the sheep out of their stupor. Most of them fail to realize that the sheep are not just lazy, or willful, or cowardly, but that they are sick. A sort of myopia and dyspepsia, along with other complications, has come upon them without their choosing it. Furthermore, they are helpless to rid themselves of it. Exhortation will not cure their sickness any more than it will cure a shepherd of a fever. A good physician must be sought, and a remedy applied.

How did the sheep get this sickness in the beginning? It did not come upon all of them at the same time, or in the same way.

Some of them were suffering from malnutrition. What the shepherds thought to be green pasture was really rather dry fare to the sheep, and also close-cropped for having been grazed on for many seasons. You can hardly blame them for being attracted by the lush meadows of the next valley, even though these exposed them more to the wolves.

Many were thirsty. The waters offered them were muddy with obscure generalities, and had become brackish when left to stagnate in small pools by other shepherds of other ages. Most of the sheep have not yet found the clear sweet streams which they desire. Their danger is that they may give up hope and drink from poisonous pools before they find them.

Some sheep have been misled by enemies disguised as members of the flock. Subtle suggestions of greater freedom elsewhere, and alluring enticements to pleasures in distant fields have been whispered into their guileless and unsuspecting ears. With a misty glaze in their eyes and a stupid smile on their lips, they have skipped blithely out of the pasture and down the path that leads to the awful precipice.

The shepherds often show deep concern about their dwindling flocks. They frequently discuss the problem among themselves, but they are not agreed on the course of action to take to correct it. Some think that if a sheep will not eat, you must beat it—verbally, if not physically. It never occurs to them to examine the palatability and nutritional value of the forage, or to administer a tonic to the sheep's digestive system.

There are hirelings over some flocks who feel that if a sheep wanders off it is a good thing to be rid of him. They point out how a malcontented sheep can disrupt the tranquility of the whole flock, and how it is better to have a few you can count on than to have a large number of whom you can't be sure. It is to be remembered that the Great Shepherd spoke of seeking the strays and bringing them back, but they assume that He had in mind a gentler breed of sheep, and that He knew nothing of these with which they have to deal.

A few harsh shepherds of military bias feel that it is expedient to place the fold under martial law. Any sheep deviating from the path prescribed by the local shepherd must either be executed or exiled. The chief benefit of this totalitarian order is in the twofold advantage it gives to the shepherd: (1) He does not have to bother with trying to cure sick sheep; (2) He is accorded among the faithful who survive a position of esteem and reverential awe approaching that of Deity. The ultimate degree of disaster which this works upon the sheep has not yet been determined.

Just recently a sophomore in an agricultural college did a research paper on animal husbandry. He reports that if sheep are retained from straying through adequate care and feeding, and if the lambs are carefully reared to become mature members of the flock, the flocks will propagate themselves more rapidly than they have been doing under existing methods. Not only so, but he also claims that the annual profit from the fleece alone will be sufficient to cover the expense of care and feeding, as well as for the upkeep and expansion of shepherding facilities. It is also noted that this is a much faster and more economical way of increasing the flock than by trying to turn wolves and pigs into sheep by surgery.

We admit that this is a rather revolutionary concept, and perhaps should be discounted as purely academic. However, if there is a progressive and enterprising shepherd somewhere who would be willing to put this method to a field test, we would be interested in hearing of the results. It could produce another Reformation.

Musical Minutes

DONALD OGDEN

Question: Should unsaved people be used in the music program of the church?

Answer: I can best answer this by asking two questions: (1) What is the function of music in worship? Is it an entertainment or a spiritual ministry? If the former, any musician may qualify; if the latter (2), can an unsaved person perform a spiritual ministry? It is my opinion that sincerity and honesty *must* underlie a ministry that is effective. To permit the unsaved to serve in God's house with tongue-in-cheek is to deny the importance of the work they do and sanction hypocrisy and deceit. Certainly we must admit that some good can come from such a practice, but who can measure the harm that may result, to say nothing of the ineffectiveness of the service.

Question: Where can I get some help in learning to direct singing?

Answer: A number of guides are in print. None is better than the inexpensive "Song Leadership" by Rodeheaver and Ford. It is available through the Brethren Missionary Herald Book Store, and can be of real help with or without a teacher. The most important factor in learning this art is concentrated practice, preferably before a mirror with a dependable guide, such as the above mentioned booklet.

WITH NEWNESS EACH SPRING

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men; yet to live better than men. He knew the weakness of human flesh; yet without yielding to the weakness of the flesh. He knew the sorrows of mankind, and how to bear those sorrows, rather than cause more.

He came to go in among the sicknesses of men without spreading the sicknesses of men. He came to let the after effects of men's sins strike with all its fury at Him, and to stand up under its fire. Yes, He came to take the judgment that follows in the paths of sin, so that mankind need not come under its devastating blow. He went to His cross not as other men faced death, not as the martyrs; He went as the Conqueror.

He came out of His hillside grave with life that had stood the test, life that had gone through the courts of human experience and divine judgment without spot or blemish. It was a well-proven life that came out of that grave. It was a life that never backed down from any situation. It was God's life come to earth in order that He might bring men's lives back to heaven.

Springtime has come to Washington, and recently I walked down by the tidal basin, around the Jefferson Memorial, and off to the banks of the Potomac. The near full moon was vividly climbing through the delicate pink of the oriental cherry trees. A mocking bird sat on a high branch and played all his borrowed records of bird songs. The lovers strolled hand in hand through the forsythia and magnolias, and never saw a bloom, expect as they were reflected in each other's eyes.

This happens every spring, not just in Washington, but around the world. It is spring time, and love time, and the time of hope. Life is expressing itself in its newest and finest and most vital way. It is the same story every year. But it never grows old. It is always new because it calls to the hopes of man and softly caresses his deepest needs.

It is the same with the story of Easter. It is the old, old story; but it is as new as the spring fragrance on a forsythia or a snow-white apple bough. It is the story of the God of eternity come to earth as a young man, a young man in love with you and me in a way that goes down to the very core of heart and soul.

The declaration of His love is immortal in its sound and poetic in its phraseology; but the demonstration of His love laid aside poetry, pageantry, and phraseology, and proved itself in actions deeper than words. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." And He rose again. And still lives!

It did not end in tragedy, as the disciples feared, and as the high priests hoped. It ended in a new beginning, in the beginning of a spring time that will never fade, a love that will never grow old.

An old story? Ah, yes, but one that comes with newness each spring!

HUMAN FAILURE AND THE DIVINE REMEDY

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have improved life immeasurably, but by themselves they cannot create anew the hearts of sinful men. Only Christ can do that. If the church had spent more time declaring the saving power and Lordship of her Lord, and less time on a thousand less important things, the prospect might be more hopeful. But the church, awed and intrigued by the evanescent success of material civilization, has too often turned aside from her exalted ministry to worship at the altars of lesser gods. Gold in its place is a useful commodity, but when turned into an idol and worshiped, it debases human life. Likewise, the work of material science in its own proper place and under proper controls is altogether worthwhile. But when exalted as a substitute for the spiritual power of the Son of God, it will at last destroy the very thing it sought to improve.

Ye must be born again—this is one formula that needs no correction and will never be changed. Even when our Lord comes back to earth, as He will one of these days, to establish completely His rule and kingdom over all the nations, this principle will still be valid and true: "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

The Lord Jesus Christ was our Substitute, but there is no substitute for Jesus Christ. He alone can save, whether it be a man or a world. Until men learn this they know nothing about spiritual matters.

DATELINE



MEMBER EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH. On Mar. 4 all previous attendance records were broken at the Grace Brethren Church Sunday school. March 11 a record-breaking ceremony was held. Special music, object lesson, awards, flash pictures, and a free gift for everyone in attendance was part of the big day. Earle Peer is pastor.

RIO TERCERO, ARGENTINA. A third son, David Andrew, arrived Feb. 26 to bring joy to the household of Rev. and Mrs. Jack Churchill, Brethren missionaries.

SOUTH BEND, IND. The Indiana District Laymen will meet at the Ireland Road Brethren Church, Mar. 31 at 7:30 p.m., C.D.S.T. An interesting type of program has been planned. Gene Witzky will be the host pastor.

ENGLEWOOD, OHIO. Mrs. Maggie McKinley, aged 86, mother of Mrs. Lon Karns, went to be with the Lord Feb. 28. She was a charter member of the Grace Brethren Church here. Lon Karns is pastor.

PARAMOUNT, CALIF. Jim Flint, member of the 1962 Paramount Brethren High School graduating class, won the first Boy-of-the-Month award for 1962. It was presented to him by the student body president Feb. 20 at the last basketball pep assembly of the year. These awards are given on the basis of scholarship, athletics or extra-curricular activities, and contribution to the school along with school spirit.

ASHLAND, OHIO. "Go Forward" is the theme for the 25th annual Northern Ohio District conference to be held Apr. 5 and 6. Rev. Robert Collitt, Brethren evangelist, will be the principal speaker. A youth rally will be featured the evening of Apr. 6. Thomas Hammers is moderator, and Miles Taber of the Grace Brethren Church will be host pastor.

FLORA, IND. Rolland Hein tendered his resignation as pastor of the Grace Brethren Church on Mar. 4 to take effect June 3. His future plans are indefinite.

DAYTON, OHIO. The Southern Ohio District conference will be held May 15-17 at the Patterson Park Brethren Church. Richard Sellers is moderator and Nate Casement host pastor.

WINONA LAKE, IND. The Brethren Missionary Herald is sponsoring Vacation Bible School workshops Mar. 26 and 27, at 7:00 p.m. An identical program will be presented each evening. Any Brethren church in Ohio, Indiana, or Illinois within driving distance is invited to attend.

LONG BEACH, CALIF. Mrs. Stone, mother of Mrs. Charles W. Mayes of First Brethren Church here, recently went to be with the Lord after a long period of helplessness and suffering.

HAGERSTOWN, MD. The Church Council of the Grace Brethren Church has engaged Ralph Hall, Brethren Home Missions Council architect, to draw the necessary plans for the church improvement. This will consist of a new front entrance, new windows, and a new comb roof. The sanctuary will also be renovated. Warren Tamkin is pastor.

BUTLER, PA. The new address after Apr. 1 of Rev. Leonard Bennett will be R.R. 3, Stoystown, Pa. Please change Annual.

DAYTON, OHIO. A covered dish dinner was held at the Patterson Park Brethren Church, Mar. 11, Nate Casement, pastor. The church celebrated their newly completed and decorated activities room, new pews, new tables, and class dividers.

LA MIRADA, CALIF. Dr. Samuel H. Sutherland, president of the 54-year-old Bible Institute of Los Angeles, Inc., announced recently a large expansion program for that institution. The first unit will be Myers Hall, housing the administration offices and classrooms of Talbot Theological Seminary. Ground for this was broken on Mar. 13. Women's and men's dormitories are also included in the project. A large music-classroom building will also be included.

INGLEWOOD, CALIF. The adults of the First Brethren Church, Richard DeArmey, pastor, enjoyed a retreat at Forest Home on Mar. 9 with a buffet supper. The Paramount Brethren Christian High School choir gave a sacred concert on Mar. 11. The church won the attendance prize of $25 for the third year at the Music Festival.

BEAUMONT, CALIF. The district youth rally was held Mar. 9 and 10 at the Cherry Valley Brethren Church. Wendell E. Kent was host pastor.

HAGERSTOWN, MD. Mrs. Louise Belechi was recently accepted by the Grace Brethren Church Council as the new director of the choir. The choir has been reorganized under her direction. Warren Tamkin, pastor.

WHEATON, ILL. V. C. Hogren has been elected president of Scripture Press to succeed Victor Cory. He has now assumed his new duties. Mr. Cory continues as the chairman of the board, and Mrs. Cory in her activities in the editorial division.

ENDS EARTHLY PILGRIMAGE

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

TIMMONS, Harriet Haines, of the First Brethren Church, LaVerne, Calif., passed away Feb. 28. Funeral services were held in Covina, Calif.
—Elias White, pastor.

SIGG, Mrs. Charles, aged 76, went to be with the Lord Mar. 7. She first was a member of The Brethren Church, Conemaugh, Pa. For the past 18 years she has been a faithful member of the First Brethren Church of Johnstown, Pa.
—James Sweeton, pastor.

SALVATION

. . . and God's Protection



BY DR. CHARLES W. MAYES

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The Apostle Peter, also an elder, was a Christian willing to do the hard things along with those to whom he preached. His epistle so far has shown us that he was not an onlooker at the crucifixion and sufferings of Christ, he was also a partaker of Christ's sufferings. He suffered with Christ as a despised and rejected believer. Tradition reports that he became a martyr.

Responsibilities and Rewards

Peter emphasizes special responsibilities and rewards for the elder (I Pet. 5:1-4).

The term "elder" here does not simply mean one of the older believers, but those who are advanced in the faith to the place of leadership. The term was used for those who ruled in the church and who taught the Word.

The flock of God represents the believers. They are to be fed the Word of God. The church can find no substitute for the careful teaching of God's Word. Teaching the Word is the foremost work of the pastor. He should be able to do it well before taking the oversight of the flock. Peter places his approval upon the elder, minister, or leader of the congregation receiving payment for his services, but firmly declares that it must not be for the sake of the money. God's servants are to receive pay for their work, but they are not to work merely for the pay. The work must be done as unto the Lord, and the pay must be given as unto the Lord.

The flock of God should be able to see in their leader, not a dictator, but an example. It is the example which produces confidence, and confidence makes effective leadership possible.

Elders and ministers who have been faithful in the caring for the flock of God are certain to receive a definite reward when the Lord comes to receive and judge the church. This reward is called the crown of glory and is one of the five crowns to be given to believers for special labors in the Lord's vineyard—the church. In fact, God will give His believing children rewards for every act of Spirit-directed service in order that salvation may remain for us a free gift. God is careful that no service rendered to Him by His children can be counted as partial payment for salvation.

The crown of glory, like other rewards, probably refers to the responsibility of ruling, reigning, and carrying out God's perfect will over all God's creation in the ages to come. Those upon whom God can depend today will be those upon whom He will depend in the ages to come to carry out His universal and infinite purposes.

Definite Admonitions

God through Peter gives some definite admonitions to the younger and weaker ones in the flock of God (I Pet. 5:6-9).

Humility is the mark of a growing and Spirit-led believer. All of us, whether weak or strong, need to be willing to consider others. God may have given them something He has not given us. He who is strong but forgets to be humble loses his strength.

Humility is the only attitude of God's people which will bring exaltation from Him. Since we really have nothing of ourselves, and all we have is by the Lord's grace and mercy, God can only resist the proud. He gives grace to the humble, and this means glory in the future.

The motto of God's people should *not be* "Why pray, when you can worry?" God's people are not to live in the sin of worry. Even in war time, God still runs the universe. His promises will not fail to those who trust Him. We are to cast our care upon Him. Even if we fail in this, there is a certain unconditional promise to those who are saved: "He careth for you."

God's people are to be more than sober from liquor. We must be free from the intoxication of the world of sin. Sober believers walk in a straight line with the Lord. They are also awake. With the Bible in one hand and the newspaper in the other, they see the old sinful and decaying world ripening for judgment.

The Devil is here pictured as a roaring lion. He gets his way by force. Witness the nations today. He is also an angel of light (II Cor. 11:14-15). Witness the spirit of Antichrist working all around us.

There is one way to resist the Devil. It is *in the faith*. The promises of God are our weapon, the living Christ is our protector. We are to "resist the devil, and he will flee" from us. But this can be done only after we have submitted ourselves "unto God" (James 4:7). Here is the reason so many professing Christians are falling into sin in this chaotic world.

Peter adds in verse 9 that we need not get the complex that the place in which we work is worse than others. Some have said: "If you had to go through what I do, you could not live for God, either." Peter tells us that the Christian life is alike for all. God promises that He will not allow us to be tempted above what we are able to bear (I Cor. 10:13).

God of All Power

The God of all grace is still the God of all power (I Pet. 5:10-14).

He is the One who has a purpose even in the details of our suffering

in the Christian life. Because He is the infinite God, we can praise Him to whom belongs glory and dominion forever and ever.

Verses 12 and 13 remind us that exhorting, testifying, and witnessing Christians stand now against the powers of Satan in the true grace of God. True victory is in Him. Any other is false and passing.

The Christian life is to show love in every attitude of our conduct. Even the greeting is not to be formal, worldly, and hypocritical. The twentieth century does not use the kiss as a greeting, but every handshake can come from a heart of love. Such will make for peace among ourselves.



News

SAN DIEGO, CALIF.

I want to praise the Lord for His goodness to us here. Last year we had a 60 percent increase in attendance in Sunday school and 25 percent increase in the preaching services over the last year.

Three weeks ago we started our "Unified Services." We begin at 10 a.m. with worship services and have the Sunday school from 11 a.m. to 11:55 a.m. Before we started this service we lost many between Sunday school and church. The last Sunday before the change we lost 96 people between these two services. Many of these were adults and young people that were old enough to stay for the rest of the service. We felt that if we continued to allow this trend we were guilty of training our people that this was to be the normal thing. We had to make a change in this matter. We have done it now for three weeks. Before this change we had from 75 to 80 in the Sunday morning worship. Here are the figures for the past three Sundays. First Sunday—132 for worship; second Sunday—155; third Sunday—182. We hope that this will continue. Our people love it and are thrilled with the results. Our Sunday-school attendance has increased also. Yesterday we had 191 present.

—Henry Dalke, pastor

Strawmen

By Rev. William H. Schaffer

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Kittanning, Pennsylvania

While watching a TV program recently my attention was suddenly diverted from a very informative program to a "strawman" commercial.

With all the persuasiveness of skilled advertising writers, we are being continually bombarded by the printed page, the radio, and television that we just cannot live, or at least live our best without that particular product. And so, in order to get our attention and patronage they build "strawmen."

A strawman is a device to attract attention, to get your interest and enlist your support. All sorts of wild offers and claims were made. Many people who surrender to these devices regret later that they did not take time to read the fine print. A discerning person can usually see through a strawman who is crafty and won't stand up under pressure.

Now strawmen are not confined to the commercial world. You will find them also in politics. The candidate who says: "I'll try my best to serve you, the people, if elected," hasn't a chance against the man who promises, "I'll reduce your taxes, get every unemployed man a job, give security to the aged, and raise the standard of living." We have so many gullible people that strawmen are rising up everywhere, and what a following they are getting! Students of Bible prophecy already know the culmination to this program. It's the Antichrist, and this very philosophy will make him possible.

And neither will the religious life of this world escape the strawman. So many straws are being thrown to the wind that strawmen are being formed all over the world. Some day they will all be brought together to form a colossus, a one-world church under the dictatorship of whom the Scriptures call "the false prophet."

Nowhere in the Bible can we find a line of Scripture that says The Brethren Church will be exempt from the infiltration of strawmen. We must be continually on guard for fear of falling into step with the trend of the times. That time worn excuse, "Well everybody else is doing it, why can't I?" is still going strong. I think Adam was the first to say it when he saw Eve take the forbidden fruit. Popularity at the expense of principle, conformity to the ways of the world at the sacrifice of that which has been held dear to the heart and proven to be faithful and true to the Word of God will produce a seared conscience. The Bible records the end result. For one reference read II Thessalonians chapter 2.

In the darkest days of history of mankind, God always had His witness. There was Noah and his family who stood alone in a lustful world. Elijah on Mount Carmel, Daniel in Babylon, Jeremiah, and then John the Baptist the voice crying in the wilderness. We could recount the names of innumerable souls of the faithful men and women in the past 1900 years who stood against the popularity of their day because they were more concerned about pleasing God than man.

Yes; the temptation to conform, to lower the standards is ever before us. The world loves to have it so. Strawmen are springing up all over and the unwary are being attracted to them. It's "The Signs of the Times," but woe unto them who deliberately choose to follow this great parade of apostasy. The end thereof is disillusionment and disappointment.

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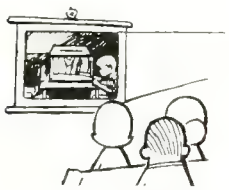
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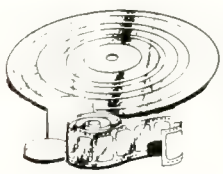
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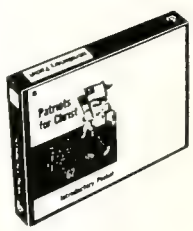
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EXERCISING OUR FAITH

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The freedom we have in Christ has come by faith.

Not only is there faith for eternal life, but there is faith for every-day life. Second Corinthians 5:17 explains that faith is exercised by old things being passed away. This verse does not say that the old man and his actions or things have passed away, but the Greek word "passed away" means "to go by." It is in the same tense as Paul's great statement: "I am crucified with Christ." Paul actually means that he "has been crucified"; that is, the action took place in the past but is still going on today. So it is with the practical outliving of our faith today: "old things" of this world "have" and "are still being passed by," and "all things are becoming new."

The story is told about an old drunken Indian who was born again and his life became new in Christ Jesus. The local town bartender who lost this faithful Indian customer, decided he would trap the Indian into his old drinking life again. He tried everyway he could to entice the Indian but without avail. So one day he decided he would place a jug of liquor in the pathway which he knew the Indian took to go to his way of work. When the Indian came along the path, he saw the jug ahead. He looked this way and that, but saw no one. What was he to do? He knew his weakness; the sin of drink was again stirring-up inside! But he also had the greater power that was pulling him—the power of the indwelling Spirit. So he did a very amusing thing; yet it clarifies the point; he took another path, and literally "passed by" the path of "old things." God has given each of us this "way of escape" in our daily life of faith.

When we exercise our faith in our everyday life, we will prove God's Word which states: "Faith without works is dead!" We must and shall produce the outgrowth of the "seed which was planted in the good soil." Remember! There was a threefold production! "Some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, and some thirtyfold." When we think of this ratio that God said the good soil would produce, we can get rather frustrated to know that this could only be accomplished by the indwelling Spirit. Onefold is not 1 percent as some perhaps may think, but it is 100 percent! So from that basis we can examine ourselves and ask: "Am I really bringing forth that percentage of fruit?" Let me say that if you are living the life of faith and committing each day wholly and fully unto Him without any reservations on your part, then according to His Word, you are! This is more fully exemplified in Paul's writings to the Ephesian saints (Eph. 5:18): "Be filled with the Spirit!" The results of the dedicated Christian will then be praising God, "giving thanks," and "submitting yourselves one to another." This then leads us into the next thing for which we can be thankful.

We should be thankful for *fellowship*. What is this word "fellowship"? In I John 1:3 we read that "truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ." The commentators clarify this word as "joint-participation." We do not have to hear, see, or handle a person to have this kind of fellowship, but we can take the writer's word that he has declared unto us. Someone has defined fellowship as two fellows in one ship. Now it is true that we are solidly sound in the "ark of safety," but let us not be sound asleep in the "ark of softy." When we are participating jointly with Him, we cannot continue to "walk in darkness" because we would then be a liar, and not doing the truth (I John 1:6). Thanks be unto God who has given us the great privilege of sharing with Him this "yoke of burden" of life here on this terra firma. One thing to be sure is that since we are yoked together with Him, He will pull the greater amount of the load, and we will share in the bounty of the harvest because we are going with Him. But all of us know the results of a team of horses or oxen that does not want to pull together. In this case, we are the ones who could hold back the progress since Christ only has one purpose in mind, which was "the joy that was set before him." We can and should be thankful for being able to share this joy!

There's another aspect of this fellowship that John points out! Not only do we have joint-participation with God, but with one another (I John 1:7). The proof of the pudding is in the tasting! When one abstains himself from the church services or from other saints, then he is not only disobeying God's command (Heb. 10:25), but he is proving that he is not having fellowship with God. Someone has likened it to a heap of coals in the fireplace. All of us are warming each other with the glow of God, but when one coal is taken out of the fireplace, then it begins to lose its glow. Satan finds that the best way to cool the Christian is to calm his conscience with carelessness in collective worship. One of the greatest impacts of the early brethren was made upon the world when the world exclaimed: "Behold! How they love one another!" May this be so real to us Christians that nothing else matters.

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ONE CHURCH?

By Benjamin Hamilton, Th.D.

About 3,000 Roman Catholic churchmen will gather October 11, 1962 in Vatican City for the inauguration of the twenty-first ecumenical council. To be named Vatican II, an effort will be made by the pope to use the giant meeting to reunite "separated brothers" into the fold.

Following the highly heralded World Council of Churches New Delhi assembly, the Roman Catholic conclave will receive tremendous worldwide journalistic coverage. Students of Bible prophecy will watch to see if those prophecies dealing with the ascendancy of the Roman Empire and the Romish church will be fulfilled. Spokesmen for a united Protestant-Catholic federation will anxiously watch Vatican II for hints of successful unity.

While the Book of Revelation points out that there will be an ecclesiastical organization humanly built and operated during the Rapture period, Old Testament prophecies clearly indicate something more interesting will exist in the kingdom age. In the restored city of Jerusalem there will be real religious unity. Not human inspired, that body of worshipers will be one under the headship of Jesus Christ. No false human vicar nor manmade church machinery will operate an artificially combined church organization.

Zechariah chapter 14 provides a picture of the one assembly that shall materialize when Christ returns to the Mount of Olives to establish His kingdom. After the final attempt of the nations to subdue Jerusalem (Zech. 14:10-15), a united, ecumenical church will be a reality (Zech. 14:16).

There will be uniformity of purpose among the worshipers, for everyone will acknowledge and worship Jesus Christ as King and Lord. The congregation will be ecumenical, for the members will be representatives of every inhabited part of Christ's kingdom. Zechariah 14:17-19 suggests in that day there will be rebels refusing to join in the worship of Christ. There will be neither blessing nor prosperity for those who do not enter into the adoration of Jesus (Zech. 14:19).

Haggai points out that when the Lord returns to set up His kingdom there will be a house of worship full of glory beyond that possessed by any previous church (Hag. 2:7, 9). Today Christ is denied entrance into many churches whose sole desire is to set up a human ecclesiastical unity not in harmony with the Lord's purpose. But when our lovely Saviour returns, He will be the Desire of all nations (Hag. 2:7). He will abide in the house of worship in His kingdom giving peace that no United Nations —or any other alliance of human governments—can offer. The peace mentioned in Haggai 2:9 will be possible because the recipients will be in perfect harmony with Jesus Christ, their Lord and Ruler.

Looking beyond the Lord's millennial kingdom, the Book of the Revelation indicates clearly that there will be a day when concern for church mechanics and unification will not be a burning issue. For in the new and holy Jerusalem there will be "no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it" (Rev. 21:22). However, observe the universality of the worshipers in the new Jerusalem: "And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it [the glory of God]: and the kings of earth do bring their glory and honour into it" (Rev. 21:24). "And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it" (Rev. 21:26).

Should Christians be enthused about the kind of church unity proposed by the propaganda of the World Council of Churches and the upcoming Roman Catholic ecumenical council? Let it be remembered that what these giant ecclesiastical organizations describe as church uniformity is simply a human panacea offered by leaders who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as King of kings, Lord of lords nor as God.

As the prophecies in Haggai 2: 7-9, Zechariah 14:16-21, and Revelation 21:22-26 clearly demonstrate, the redeemed of the Lord will be able to enjoy through all eternity that unity which unregenerate men cannot possibly obtain now. While humanist church leaders vainly seek to weld a mammoth church mechanism not sanctified by the Lord, true believers must unite in spreading the gospel message around the world. Who knows but what some nation of the saved may worship the Lord in the new Jerusalem because we combined our efforts to let that nation know about Jesus Christ and receive Him?

PROPHECY
and the Present

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Recently the writer conducted a prophetic conference in a nearby city. One evening a high school teacher and his wife attended the service as guests of a member of the church. Obviously the teacher was not there by choice but under the pressure of his guest, and was therefore quite unhappy with the message. Upon this occasion the message was on "The Golden Age of Civilization."

As he retired from the auditorium the teacher confronted me with a very blunt evaluation of the message in the presence of others: "I do not believe in eschatology because it is not practical." This provided me with the opportunity to ask him a question: "Do you listen to the weather report? Do you buy insurance?" His affirmative response enabled me to point out that he was not consistent, for he really did believe that truth about the future has a practical effect on the present. All he needed to do was project what he already followed as a philosophy and he would have the whole system of Biblical prophecy.

What Jesus Said

This did not satisfy him, of course, so he countered by saying: "I believe in the words of Jesus, and he laid emphasis on the present." Unwittingly he laid a perfect foundation for the refutation of his original thesis. I asked him: "Do you believe all the words of Jesus?" He could hardly answer with anything but an affirmative. So I turned to Luke 24:25 and read to him the

words of Christ to the two disciples who walked with him on the road to Emmaus. "O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken." Since I had emphasized the word *"all"* the prophets had spoken in my reading, he replied with a bit of chagrin: "Did Christ say *all* that the prophets have spoken?" My answer had to be: "Yes; and you can read it for yourself. And remembering that Christ was approving what I was doing tonight. I was teaching what the prophets had to say about the coming kingdom."

At this point he frantically grasped for the last straw. He insisted that Jesus was talking about the Old Testament, and He did not include in this statement "The Book of The Revelation," for the Apostle John wrote that many years later. It was undoubtedly an amazing thing for him to discover the final book of the Bible was not John's revelation, but the words of the Lord Jesus himself. I read the first verse of that book for him. "The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John."

The Purpose of Prophecy

This was the place to make clear to him that the purpose of all prophecy is to condition living in the present with the truth about the future. Its purpose is stated in II Peter 1:19: "We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts." Nothing could be clearer than this. If men are determined to dwell upon the present without heed for the future, they may well expect calamity to overtake them sooner or later, and usually sooner.

Its Practical Value

The third chapter of Second Peter unfolds in broad outline the drama of the future. It is a crisis in which the present order passes away and a new order of things is ushered in (vv. 7, 13). This will be effected by the judgment of God (v. 7) in which there will be physiological disturbances that will run its course throughout the entire fabric of nature (vv. 10, 12). The result will be the blasting of sinners and the blessing of the saints (vv. 7, 13).

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The real issue so far as men are concerned will be survival through this crisis. Survival will depend not upon physical power or protection of any kind. No strongholds however great can withstand the power of the infinite God when He moves in upon the present scenes to execute judgment. There will be no place to flee from the perils that beset. For "the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up" (v. 10).

Divine counsel pinpoints the way to prepare for this crisis. "Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness . . . wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found in peace, without spot, and blameless . . . ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own stedfastness. But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory, both now and for ever. Amen" (II Pet. 3:11, 14, 17, and 18).

Hasten the Day

There are many among the saints who know these things and are not responding too diligently to them. Many of them are saying that they long for the coming of the Lord and the entrance upon the blessings of eternity. If this is really an expression of truth, they can hasten the day. One Greek text of verse 12 reads, "hastening the day." This can be done by living the life of righteousness and godliness commanded, and thereby providing the atmosphere in which the salvation of those who constitute the church can be speeded up. As soon as the church is completed Christ will come and usher the crisis into full swing.

It may thus be seen that prophecy becomes a most practical study within the Word of God. It provides information of the future. It urges spiritual preparation for the coming crisis. It gives hope to those who are prepared. It stimulates evangelism of the unsaved. And it hastens the day when the shadows of earth will pass away.

"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure" (I John 3:2-3).

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The Return of Christ

One of the most neglected truths in the Bible is the *second coming* of Jesus Christ. If the references to His coming were few and obscure, this might be understandable, but it is stressed in almost every New Testament book with Christ himself repeatedly warning His disciples to be ready for this event.

It is not surprising that *Satan* has concentrated his *attack* on this truth. He knows that if he can undermine the confidence of people in this doctrine, that one of the greatest incentives to the acceptance of Christ, as well as holiness of life on the part of the Christian, is destroyed. In spite of the fact that many churches have apparently lost their anticipation of this event, it remains the *blessed hope* of the church. In a day when prospect for the future includes possible nuclear war, it is time the church *recaptured* the zeal for this truth, and *proclaimed* it to a world that desperately needs a *bright hope* for the future.

In order for the church to gain the full benefit from the truth we must, first of all, understand the different phases of His coming.

It was the fact that the disciples failed to understand the *two phases* of the coming of the Lord in the Old Testament that caused them to be defeated when Christ was crucified. In one passage they read of the Messiah who was to be "cut off." In another portion He was pictured as reigning over all the nations.

Christ reminded them of their blindness when He declared in Luke 24:25-26: "O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?"

The picture of Christ's second coming is just as blurred unless one realizes that there are *two phases of His second coming*. In one place it speaks of the coming of Christ to take His saints to heaven. "For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord" (I Thess. 4:15-17).

In another passage He is declared to be King of kings coming to assume direction of the governments of earth. "And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. . . . And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: And he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS" (Rev. 19:11, 15-16).

The understanding of these truths has the same effect as turning the proper knobs to bring a television screen in focus so that a clear picture is seen. Prophetic truth is a jumbled mass of facts until it is clarified by these truths. The blessed hope of the church is the momentary expectancy of the coming of Christ to take us to be with himself. Noth-

ing in the prophetic plan needs to occur before this wonderful event takes place. Following our departure, a period of great tribulation will begin on earth, which is God's final answer to a world that has refused to acknowledge Him as Lord. The conclusion of this period will be marked by the *second* phase of Christ's return, His coming to earth for the establishment of the kingdom.

There are many who accept the idea of the second coming and understand the Rapture of the church and the revelation of Christ at the establishment of the kingdom, who still do not enter into the full benefits of its transforming reality.

We need to live in such anticipation of the event that it becomes a powerful force in shaping our lives. A man may know much about the component parts of an automobile, but he does not gain full benefit of it until it is used to transport him to his destination. The hope of His coming should cause us to live in the light of the possibility of being called into His presence. First John 3:3 declares: "Every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure." When an honored guest is expected, a good housekeeper will want every room to be immaculate. No effort is too great in cleansing every nook and corner. One day, and perhaps soon, each of us will be ushered into the presence of God, and yet we are often very careless about making our lives ready for this occasion.

Also the anticipation of this experience should lead us to spend our time in a way that will count for eternity.

After Paul has just told of the day when Christ comes to raise the dead and transform the living, he concludes in I Corinthians 15:58 with a challenge to "be . . . stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

The Lord warned us too of the subtle influences which would tend to cool our anticipation of this blessed event. He described the day of Lot as a time when "they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; but the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed" (Luke 17: 28-30). Note that the people had become so involved in the ordinary pursuits of life: eating, buying, selling, planting, and building that they gave no attention to the warning of impending doom. Christ declared that it will be this way before He returns.

As Paul approached the end of his ministry the anticipation of the coming of Christ was still prominent in his thoughts. In II Timothy 4:8 he spoke of the crown of righteousness which he was to receive, and declared that "them also that love his appearing" would also be entitled to this crown.

There are many who do not look forward to the coming because they do not understand it, but the sad truth is that many Christians who do understand it are not anticipating it because their love for Christ has grown cold. Selfish goals and attaining material things have become so time-consuming that little thought is given to the return of Christ.

Peter warns about becoming attached to that which is temporary. He urges that we set our affections on the permanent values which will be received at the coming of Christ. "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness. Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for a new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness" (II Pet. 3:10-13).

When asked what practical value the doctrine of the second coming was to him, one Christian replied: "I keep my feet untangled." We should always remember that the material things on which we often place so much value are to pass away and are worth nothing in the light of that which we will receive at His coming—a new body in a new home, living forever with the Lord who will always be present to meet our needs.

The warning of Christ is still appropriate today. "And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man" (Luke 21:34-36).

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WORLD GOVERNMENT IS COMING. Nothing can stop it. We could more easily plug up the mouth of a live volcano or stop the furious hurricane dead in its tracks than we could stop the formation of *one world government.* Why so dogmatic? Because the Bible says so!

What God Has Written

God said there would be four world empires. No more and no less. He spoke through the Prophet Daniel during the time of the first of these empires, Babylon. He said Medo-Persia would be next. After that would come Greece. The fourth empire he described fully but did not call it by name. We know it to be Rome (Dan. 2, 7-8).

These four world governments (supreme in that there was none to challenge them) would be followed by a loose federation of weak and strong nations, united yet divided—trying desperately to cling together. But the prophet tells us emphatically: ". . . they shall not cleave" (Dan. 2:43). What a perfect picture of the United Nations in the middle of the twentieth century!

During this period the Bible says God will intervene in the affairs of men and then "shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed" (Dan. 2:44). This kingdom will be ruled by a perfect dictator—the God-man—the Jehovah of the Old Testament, the Jesus of the New—David's greater Son. His capital will be Jerusalem, and Israel will be the "head" nation of the world, no longer "the tail." The Bible also reveals that this kingdom will be a literal kingdom on the earth, and it will last one thousand years (Zech. 14:9; Rev. 20).

After that the planet earth will go up in flame and smoke; the great white throne judgment will sentence the lost of all ages to a devil's hell. Then God will bring into being a new, renovated earth "wherein dwelleth righteousness." All this is in conjunction with the Holy City in the Eternal State where the redeemed of all ages shall enjoy the blessing of God's heaven forever and ever! But there is more!

Daniel and John both write God-breathed words informing us that the Devil will set up a counterfeit kingdom.

The Devil's Kingdom

is now in the making. Neither Russia nor the United States will ever rule the world, but the devil's christ will. He is called the Antichrist, the Beast, the Lawless One, the Wicked One—the one whom the Lord will destroy with the brightness of His coming.

He will be an imposter—a counterfeit. He will present himself as the true Church, the Messiah. Satan has been presenting himself as God. Now he will present his man as the second person of the Satanic trinity. He will also produce a third individual to impersonate the Holy Spirit called the false prophet. Thus the Devil has his evil trinity in opposition to the Holy Trinity (Rev. 16:3).

When Will This Happen?

This will happen after the true church is taken out of this world at the coming of Christ (I Thess. 4: 16-17). The Holy Spirit, indwelling



LD GOVERNMENT

the heart of every believer, is the great deterrent to sin. Crime and violence would be much worse if it were not for the restraining action of the presence of the person of the Holy Spirit. Paul explains in II Thessalonians 2:7 and 8 that when the One who now hinders or restrains (letteth in Old English) is taken out of the way, *then* shall that Wicked One be revealed. Therefore the Antichrist (who is the Wicked One according to verses 8 and 9) makes his appearance publicly only after the Holy Spirit is out of his way. The Holy Spirit is here until He goes with the church in the Rapture to present the bride to the Groom. This is part of His work.

The church therefore will not see the public presentation of the next world ruler. Even though he could be alive today, Christians should not waste time looking for him. They should be looking for the Lord himself who is coming first. There will be no Christians here when he makes his political debut. But many will be saved during his reign even though they will pay with their lives and become tribulation martyrs (Rev. 6: 9; 13:15).

The Devil Will Rule the World

Satan, alias Lucifer, once offered Christ all the kingdoms of the world if Christ would become a devil-worshiper. Christ, of course, refused, for He **knew** that at the right time He would cast out this usurper and imposter. Then He would reign over His own property, which He had purchased and redeemed with His blood.

Just before the Lord comes *with His saints* to reign, the Devil will set up his own ruler for a brief moment in history. John tells us in Revelation 13:1 ". . . and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat [throne], and great authority." Verse 7 tells us ". . . and power was given him over *all* kindred and tongues and nations."

Thus it is clear this devil-man will rule the entire human race with the iron hand of a dictator. His supernatural power (supplied by Satan) will cause all to give their allegiance to him. None will dare challenge his power (v. 4) and the whole world will bow at his feet when he speaks with supernatural oratorical ability (v. 5).

The World Will Worship the Devil

as they worship the devil's christ whom John calls "the Beast." "And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him" (v. 8). Of course some will refuse, according to verse 15, and they will die as martyrs.

How Long Will He Reign?

According to verse 5 the beast will have his own way for forty-two months or three and one-half years. But according to Daniel 9:27, this is only half of the week (of years). So the total length of this period known as The Tribulation is really seven years. So what?

So don't be led astray by those who preach another gospel. Don't be disturbed by communism, socialism, nationalism, modernism, materialism, militarism, secularism, or any other creature—if you know the Lord as personal Saviour! World government is surely coming, but Jesus is coming first. Our only task is to be faithful in His service until He comes. He will take care of everything else. Even so, come Lord Jesus!

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The Purpose of Bible Prophecy



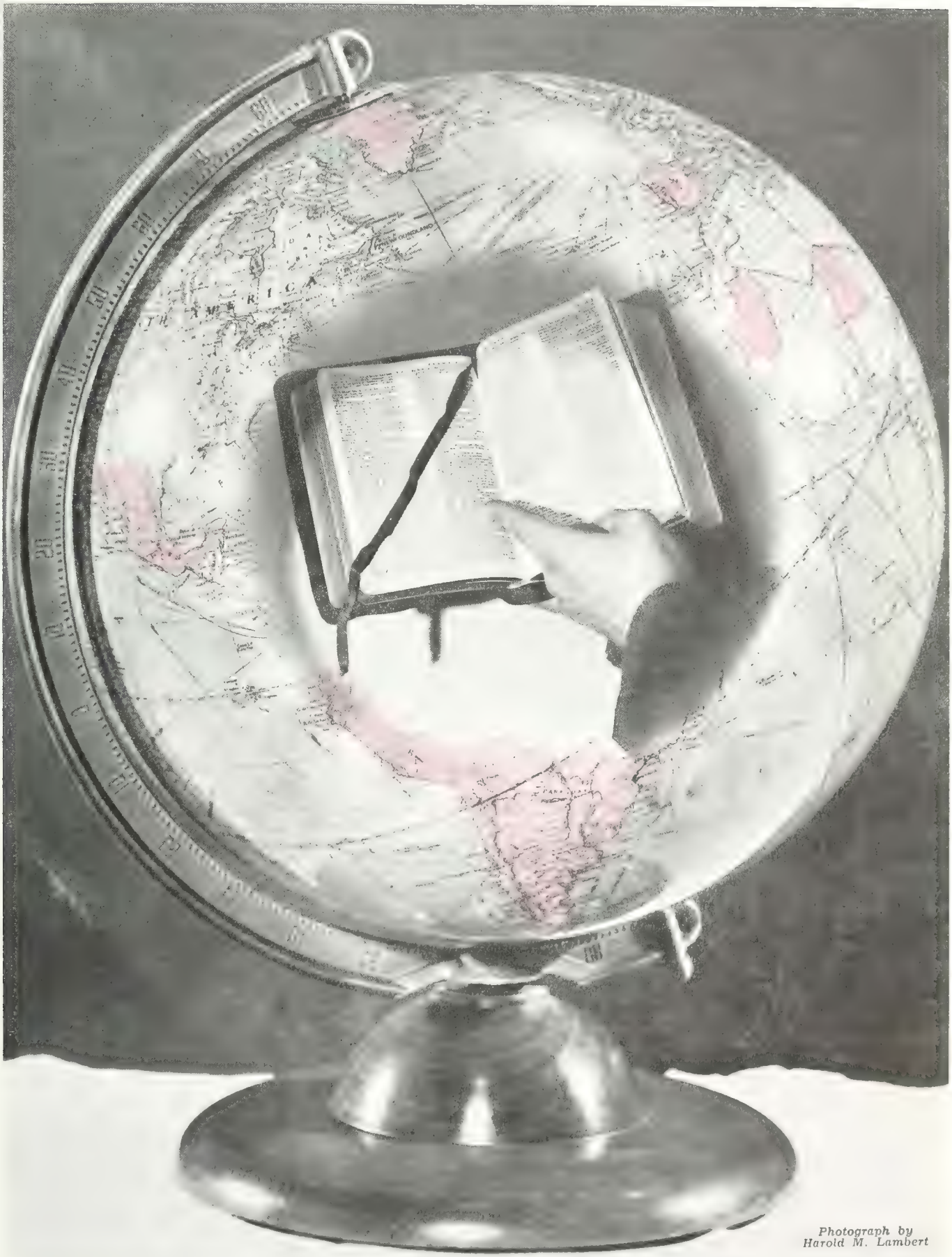
More than one-fourth of all the books of the Bible are distinctly prophetic in nature, and at least fourteen of the books are almost completely prophetic. The Lord must have had good reasons for using so much space in His Book for the prediction of the future. He never revealed a single line just to satisfy our curiosity. It will be well for us to understand His reasons for predicting the future as they are given us in God's Word. As I understand it, the purpose of God in predictive prophecy is sixfold.

The Greatness of God

God's ability to foretell the future is used to awaken the human mind to the marvels of God's person and power. Apart from God's Word, no human being can foreknow the future. He cannot even foreknow for certain what the next day will bring forth. Suppose that we ask a father to step up, write on the blackboard the exact situation of one of his children twenty years from now, and tell where the child will be living, and what he will be doing, with whom he will be living, how many children there will be, whether boys or girls. The possibility is so far beyond us that we would not even think of it except as a joke.

But God has foretold thousands of years in advance the detailed circumstances and situations of many

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WHERE

Is the Promise of His Coming?

The question of the promise of Christ's coming is answered in the pages of the Bible. This is one of the most important questions and answers in our world at this moment. A clear grasp of the facts involved, and their implications, is more important than all the plans and programs under way for this space age. God, who knows the end from the beginning, anticipates one of the common questions of our day and characterizes the inquisitor. Unbelief in Christ's return is not due to lack of available information or evidence but to willful blindness to the historic and prophetic Word of God. Such questions are asked by those whose attitude is scoffing, and whose personal lives are self-indulgent and morally lax. Conscience, God's monitor within the sinner's heart, accuses him. To escape the discomfort he hardens his heart, turns from the light of God's revealed truth and

scoffingly protests that he cannot see. But God will not be put to silence. He has recorded the destruction of the world of the past in the deluge in both Scripture and geology and has promised the destruction of the world that now is by fire through the personal return of His Son.

Where's the Proof?

In addition to the reasons for expecting His return which are given in II Peter 3, our Lord's utterances in the Gospels, and His messages in the espistles, are filled with references to the event and signs which are to precede it. The return of the Jews to their land and the reestablishment of the nation of Israel alone are enough to cause any sober-minded reader of the Word to "Look Up" and listen for His call to His born-again church to meet Him in the air. This event is to precede the climax of the things involving Israel by at least seven years. The trial of Adolf Eichmann and his sentencing have been an impossibility for more than 2500 years! Christ was not tried in Israel's courts because they had no power to impose the death penalty.

The Olivet Discourses of our Lord recorded in Matthew 24, Mark 13, and Luke 21 clearly state that His return will be immediately preceded by unusual signs in the heavens, convulsive turmoil and upheaval among the nations as birth-pangs in an effort to bring in a new order. Problems of multiplying frequency and intensity will be incapable of workable solutions. Men in places of responsibility will be frustrated, and men of all walks will lose heart and capitulate for fear of what they see and worse things that are in prospect. Informed sources tell us that all too much official, diplomatic, and social Washington is trying to find its solution in "solutions" which come in fancy bottles at high prices. A prominent businessman of our city who recently returned from a trip to the Nation's capital told me that he was heart-sick and depressed over the flow of liquor he saw on every hand. Kennedy's appeal for more milk drinking hasn't reduced the consumption of "spirits." Belshazzar's Babylon has news for today's America if we have ears to hear!

Second Timothy 3 vividly describes the days before Christ's return with men of the world characterized by covetousness, self-love, arrogance (note: Sober scientists talking about the day when we will control weather to the extent of diverting and dissipating hurricanes while they aren't even able to reliably predict the weather or control the passions that rage in their own unregenerate hearts!).

Other characteristics are pride, blasphemy, juvenile delinquency, ingratitude, unholiness, lack of natural affection (broken homes and child-desertion), unfaithfulness, violence, contempt for those who would live honorably, disloyalty, haughtiness.

Also loving pleasure rather than God, formal religiosity without spirituality, and deifying education and learning without being able to arrive at certain truth is added to

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complete God's diagnosis of our day viewed and recorded from a distance of 2000 years. Those who raise the question, "Where is the promise of His coming?" have hopelessly destroyed their own capacity to see and discern.

What's the Solution?

As far as the world situation is concerned, there is no real solution till our Lord Jesus Christ returns and takes over His reign on earth. There may be temporary improvement in the patient but our world-system is sick unto death. It will grow progressively worse till it is taken over by "The Sun of Righteousness who shall rise with healing in his wings" (Mal. 4:2).

On the personal level, however, there is a remedy! We who know the Lord can keep from spiritual anemia and fainting spells by consistent feeding on a balanced diet of the Word of God. We should be satisfied with nothing less than a solid grasp of "the whole counsel of God." This is ours as we live in the Word of Christ and let the Word of Christ dwell richly in us. Things are not only as bad as they look in this world . . . they are worse and will get still worse. This is not according to the communist time-table but to God's prophetic calendar! The Kremlin has its schedule for the encirclement and takeover of the free world. It is terrifying to see its incredible and insidious advance. Our newspapers are giving this unprecedented publicity and attention. Our officials are bankrupting our Nation to try to head it off. They seem to systematically ignore, reject, and legally eliminate the publicizing of the Bible. They do not see God's side of this whole picture and His detailed program for communist destruction and restoration of the world to righteousness under the personal reign of His Son. Apparently the leaders of the free world would rather learn to "co-exist" temporarily with God-hating communism than to listen to the Word of reconciliation from the God who gave His Son to rescue all men from their sins!

What Can We Do?

"Isn't there something we can do about these things? I don't think we should just fold our arms and sit and wait!" These words are so right! And no serious reader of the Word talks like this. In the light of all these things, our chapter asks the question: "What manner of persons ought ye to be?" The answers are clear. Our manner of living ought to be holy, devoted to God, characterized by diligence in our efforts to promote peace among the believers. We should have purity in our personal lives, blamelessness in our living in the world, and persistence in our efforts to reach the lost with the Gospel of Christ. Only in these ways will we be able to make a lasting contribution to our world through God's all-sufficient grace. We will then be able to prepare for His glorious appearing!

Looking for His Coming



By Russell D. Barnard, D.D.

The writer of the Book of Hebrews said: ". . . unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time . . ." (9:28). This is the blessed hope of the child of God. For almost two thousand years the faithful have been scanning the heavens wondering which cloud might be His chariot. It is right that believers should be watching, they are told to do so (Mark 13:33, 35, 37).

Those who study the Word of God very carefully know of no Scripture that awaits fulfillment before our blessed Lord might come. We do not know the day nor the hour, but we can know the general season. Jesus said: "When these things *begin* to come to pass." Those things related to His return a second time have been coming to pass for many years. His coming must be very near. We are in the end days, yes, the very edge days before His coming. The Scripture in Luke 21:28 further says that we are then to "look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh."

When He came in His first advent, He came caring for the sin question. He then appeared "to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself" (Heb. 9:26). In His second advent He will not be dealing with the sin question, rather He will be dealing with those things related to the salvation of the child of God (Heb. 9:28). The day of His coming again is our glory day, our joy day, our payday (II Cor. 5: 10). Every future good thing for the child of God is related to His second coming. It is our purifying hope. It will be our satisfying realization. I've known three little girls to dance with joy at the coming of Grandfather and Grandmother. How much greater should be the joyous anticipation when the coming One is our blessed Lord Jesus! He'll break through the blue, we'll be loosed away upward, we'll be forever with the Lord! O glorious day!

After Jesus went back to heaven at the end of His first advent, He left us with a warning. The disciples stood gazing into the heavens where they had seen Jesus enter. Then two men clothed in white stood by the disciples and said, in effect: "Why be sky watchers only? Sure, Jesus has gone away, but He will come again, in just the same way you have seen Him go. Now you have work to do. Remember what He told you. He told you, you were to be witnesses" (Acts 1:7-11). The Bible also teaches that those who fail to do what Jesus told them to do will be ashamed in His presence at His coming (I John 2:28). It is so easy to be carried away in ecstasy in the anticipation of His coming that we forget what He told us to do while He was away. To go, and preach, and teach, is the essence of His great commission. There is a lost world that needs Jesus Christ as Saviour and Redeemer.

We are told that in the great central part of the United States there are over 1,000 communities without an established testimony for Jesus Christ. Every side and end and corner of the United States could probably tell the same story. Those who study population trends tell us that our land will probably increase by about 65,000,000 in the next eighteen years. This is truly a part of the population explosion. What arrangements do we have to evangelize these hordes, and build them into the fabric of the church? We have many fine Bible institutes, Bible colleges, and seminaries, and thousands of people attending these schools. But with all these continuing and completing their training, we will be woefully lacking in a sufficient supply of Christian workers.

What about the world beyond our borders? United Nations agencies tell us that our population in the world will probably increase from the present three billion, or slightly less, to over six billion by A.D. 2000. With the United States preparing less than the number of workers needed within her own borders, she has but few to offer to a pagan world. The United States is probably far better situated to send workers into the pagan world than any other nation on earth. Where does this leave the pagan world?

In the urgency of this present and future world need, many are satisfied to be sky watchers only. True, we are taught to watch, look, pray, and be ready. But still the question is "What about a lost world?"

God does not want us to be sky watchers only, He wants us to work as we watch. When He told us to go, and teach, and preach, it did not make our watching of less importance. It should intensify our watching, just as our watching should intensify our working.

. . . it is not enough to be sky watchers only!

Some say there is plenty of time. Yes; there is plenty of time for millions upon millions, and soon billions upon billions to go out into Christless eternities. There is plenty of time for the hosts of iniquity to vent their spleens on a helpless world. There is plenty of time for atomic blasts, and nuclear destruction of all the millions in our world. There is time for luxury and pleasure to hinder our spiritual relationships.

There is not plenty of time if lost souls are worth saving, if the gospel message is the only hope for this lost world, if the coming again of Jesus Christ is very near. Our greatest concern is that when He comes, He should find us watching and ready. Yes; we should be ready, working through the day and through the night that when He comes, we will be found to have been busy witnessing till He came. It is not enough to be

Sky Watchers, Only!

THE PURPOSE OF BIBLE PROPHECY

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people, of cities and nations. If these predictions are later fulfilled to the letter, God's power and wisdom are demonstrated before our very eyes.

The Trustworthiness of God and His Word

Jesus said: "I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe." From Genesis to Revelation the Bible contains detailed descriptions of things to come, dealing with events, people, and situations. What then is the score for accuracy in history on these predictions so far? Did God send a Saviour like He said He would? Was the Saviour born of a virgin? Was He born in Bethlehem? Did they pierce His hands and feet? Did they divide His clothes by lot? Were the Children of Israel plucked out of their own land and scattered among all nations as God foretold? Did they suffer persecutions among the nations? Did they remain a distinctive people? Is there a possibility that they should yet be regathered to their own land and again become a nation? If the enemies of the Bible want to discredit its veracity, why do they not attack it in the field of prophecy? After all, if men wrote this Book without divine help, then prophecy is only human guessing, bound to be full of errors. It is remarkable then that the critics center their attack upon such fields as the record of Creation, and miracles, but carefully avoid the field of prophecy, especially that portion which is by now so accurately fulfilled. Can you guess their reason for this?

Religious Deceivers

These warnings are multiplied many times in Scripture. Jesus warned of deceivers who would surely come. In the midst of His warnings He said: "Behold, I have told you before" (Matt. 24:25). It certainly helps us, as well as warns us, when we see the confusion of cults around us to know that it is exactly as Jesus said it would be. Being forewarned, we ought to be forearmed.

To Warn Against a Careless Life

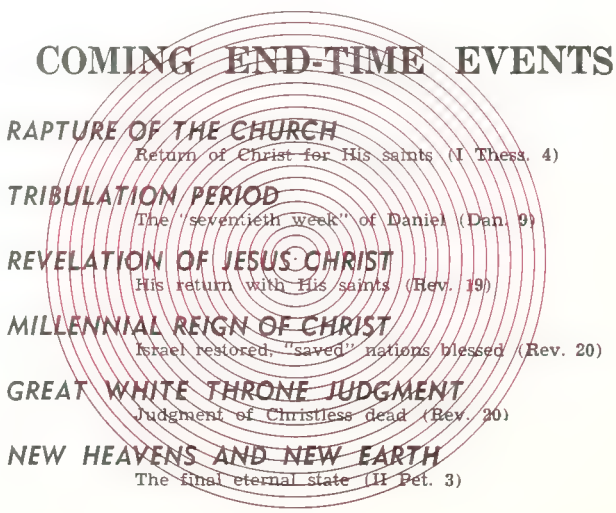
These verses speak for themselves. One of the strongest influences, both in the shaping of character and of conduct, is what we may call a person's expectation. There is nothing that will keep a believer's life pure and active for the Lord like the confident expectation that Jesus may return at any time to gather up His own out of this world to be with Him. The congregations most active in soul-winning today are those that are well instructed in the promise of Christ's imminent return.

To Encourage and Comfort God's People

"Wherefore comfort one another with these words." What "words" are they? The prophecy of the coming resurrection of those who have fallen asleep in Jesus, and of the calling upward without dying of those believers who will be alive when Jesus comes. Then they will be reunited with each other and will be forever together with the Lord. There are no human words that can comfort sorrowing hearts like these.

God Wants To Share His Plans

Believers are not working *for* God. We are working *with* God, and there is a great difference. We are partners with God in His work and in His plans. A great company does not tell its secrets to the employees, but those who are partners in the company share in all things. God has hidden His plans from the "wise and the prudent" of this world, but He has revealed them unto His children. He did not want to keep His secret plans from Abraham. Just think of the wonderfulness of God's prophetic Word! The veil is lifted for us, and we behold by faith what God has planned. We know His purpose in the church. We learn of the future of the nations. We understand what His plans are for Israel. We read of the coming judgments and cleansing of this earth. He has told us what will happen to the Devil and to the Antichrist. He has even drawn back the veil to let us peek into the never ending ages of eternity and see ourselves, for we shall be with Him. How wonderful of God! Of course, someone is thinking right now: "Well, the unsaved can know all this just by reading the Bible; therefore God has revealed His secrets to them as well." No; He has not revealed His secrets to them, for He knew of their unbelief. These secrets become known to us only as our reading is "mixed with faith," and the moment this reading is mixed with faith, a person will become a believer.



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The Transforming Power of Christ's Gospel

By Chandu Ray

Before I became a Christian, I spent a night with a friend in a Christian hospital in India. One of his eyes was to be removed the following morning to save the sight of the other eye. In the evening he said to me: "Take my Bible and read to me the fourteenth chapter of John before I lose my sight completely." As I read the stirring words of Jesus to him, I suddenly put the Bible down and exclaimed: "You are not going to go blind! And what's more, I am even now receiving my own spiritual sight. I am beginning to see the Light!"

We spent the rest of the night in devotion and prayer with the result that at dawn I surrendered my life to Christ. At nine o'clock in the morning the surgeon entered, looked at my friend's eye through his magnifying glass and excitedly called to his assistant: "Quick, get me the other lens." Examining the eye further, the surgeon said in absolute amazement: "Something has happened here. Tell me, were you conscious of anything happening in the night?" The patient told him how two men had read God's Word and prayed through the night hours, and how he had introduced me to the Master.

"But were there any tears shed?" the surgeon demanded curiously. "Yes, doctor. There were many tears shed," came the reply after a few moments.

"That explains it," said the surgeon. "It must have been the tears. Something has happened to dissolve the center of tension. I am going to postpone the operation." That operation never took place. Today the patient can see with both eyes as clearly as most of us.

When we pray and study God's Word like this, then unity of fellowship becomes so real that the world can see in us the transforming power of Christ's Gospel.

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Another Chapter--Evangelism in Gueugnon

By Rev. P. Frederick Fogle

What is happening in Gueugnon?

First of all, you may wonder what or where Gueugnon is? Several articles about it have appeared in this paper, as well as in the *Foreign Mission Echoes*. If you have had access to these, you know that Gueugnon is a town in central France where a gospel witness was begun in 1959 by some French young people and your missionaries to France.

The story began several years ago, when a young inspector in the post office department, Mr. Marcel Jouve, who had been attending our services in Lyon for quite some time, moved to Gueugnon with his family.

Soon after this, because of the presence of this consecrated family, the city became important to the Brethren work in France. It was "on the map," as they say.

In 1959 then, the first gospel team composed of young men from Lyon made its first trip to Gueugnon to place a Gospel of John in every home.

Several months later the team returned, and has done so at different intervals for colportage, distribution of literature, and visitation. From all appearances after the first efforts, very little was happening. There were practically no signs of fruit. This was not a source of discouragement but rather a stimulus to persevere, for it was believed that God was working.

And the story continues. During a recent visit to the town, we were able to distribute portions of the Scriptures in Polish, Portuguese, and German, as well as French. The local factory employs a number of people from other European countries.

Among the many conversations held with some of the inhabitants, there was one with an elderly gentleman who informed us that he was illiterate. He said that he prayed to God every morning and evening to save his soul. Since the Word explains so clearly how one can have assurance after asking God once and for all for salvation, it was a joy to explain it to him. Again, in talking with a young mother, we saw tears come to her eyes as she received the witness, and she manifested a real desire to know more about the Bible.

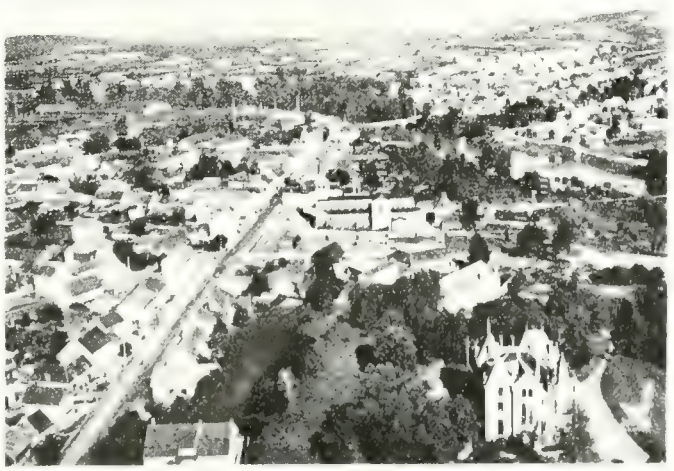
Some time ago the first real blessings on the work and fruit of the labors became evident. The Jouve family came in contact with some people who manifest a genuine interest, and in a rather recent letter he said: "We have had some very encouraging contacts with two families. We meet together almost every Sunday and study a passage from God's Word. Since receiving the flannelgraph material, I use it to present the Gospel to young and old alike. They are very interested . . . Let us ask the Lord to work by His Spirit in these souls in order that they might truly receive Him . . ."

It can be seen then that from the first, in spite of all appearances, God has been at work. This has resulted in a steady progress to the place where today regular meetings are being held in Gueugnon, as well as in Lyon.

In his last letter, the French lay-evangelist states that he is in contact with another person who was one of those who had requested a New Testament as a result of the gospel team's work, and who has become more interested through the Bible slides which are being presented in the Jouve home.

Before you read this article, another visit will have been made to Gueugnon by me and perhaps by the gospel team from Lyon.

Some of you have already helped in the spreading of the Gospel at Gueugnon by giving to the "French Literature Fund" of the Foreign Missionary Society, and by praying. Would you keep Gueugnon on your prayer list, and ask God to cause the little group which is studying the Word to grow and progress spiritually? Much depends on you!



Gueugnon

Decisions Calling for Dedication!

I wish you could all have been with us in the closing session of the recent midyear meeting of the board of trustees of The Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church. It was more the attitude of a "haystack prayer meeting" than a business meeting of our board. "That we adopt the amended total budget for all fields, covenanting with the Lord and with one another, to ask the Father to meet our needs and to send in sufficient funds to clear our existing deficit" was the wording of a resolution passed by those present, and it was much more than an empty resolution. I am sure each man present felt like bursting forth in praise in the words: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." There had been four days of frightening problems, and much prayer, heart searching, and waiting on the Lord. It was the consciousness of God's blessings in the year of the past that caused the brethren to launch into a program for the year ahead with more courage than we had believed possible. If the feeling of the members of our board of trustees in any way represents or reflects the feeling of all of you brethren, the past had nothing compared to the future blessings we anticipate.

It was a source of great rejoicing to know that the gift income for the year 1961 exceeded $346,000, and the income from all sources exceeded $365,000. For the year our Society not only lived within its income, but was able to repay $14,161.80 of the current indebtedness. After very careful and prayerful consideration of the suggested expenditures for all fields, a proposed goal of $380,000 was finally decided upon. This is a ten percent increase over the gift income of 1961. The gift income of 1961 was 11.7 percent above that of 1960. The board believes the proposed amount for 1962 is not unreasonable, but one which we can easily surpass if each member of The Brethren Church gives his sincere support. Not all the desires of all the fields were approved; yet, with those things which we believe can be done, we feel no field will be seriously hampered in its work.

Here are some of the outstanding actions of the board of trustees. We pray that you will bear these great items in the program before the throne of grace in prayer.

Hawaii

Meeting places for the two new testimonies are our greatest needs. The great problem has not been in interesting people in the Gospel, but what to do with them when they attend services. The Tresises hold the meetings in their home, and much of the time they are crowded out. The Leeches began in their home, outgrew those accommodations, and are now meeting in a school building. But this is only temporary. Where do they go next? To help solve this problem, it is probable that one representing the board may make a trip to Hawaii soon. Grace Chapel is making fine progress under the leadership of voluntary, self-supporting workers, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wagner.

Mexico

At the suggestion of the field council the board of trustees made a small loan to the church at Calexico-Mexicali to enable them to buy some very inviting lots in the city of Mexicali. By the same plan the church at Tijuana now has a large new parsonage, half of which is used as a meeting place. I am sure we will be able to report to you very soon that the congregation at Calexico has made similar building progress. Candidates Phil and Amy Guerena are continuing to look to the Lord to supply their needs for going to the field. They will probably go to Mexico City so that Brother Guerena may enter the university in preparation for a service which we believe will develop among university people.

France

Through the generosity of the WMC in Southern California, an automobile will be supplied for the Fogle family. In anticipation of this fine gift, funds are being advanced for the immediate purchase of a car. Brother Fogle will have chief use of the car in transporting gospel teams from the European Bible Institute, where he teaches, to the areas where the gospel teams will assist the missionaries in various types of gospel ministry. The work at Lyon seems

encouraging, and one or more of the special meetings planned for the Lyon area will be conducted before the Juliens return to the States on furlough in July.

Puerto Rico

The board continues to believe that its primary endeavor here is with the Spanish-speaking people, and therefore purposes to put this on a full-time basis as quickly as possible. Further reports as to plans in Puerto Rico will be announced with the passing of some time. There is a great consciousness of the fact that in the chain of islands extending from Puerto Rico south to the north coast of South America, so few of them have any sufficient evangelizing effectiveness. We want a greater part in this ministry.

Brazil

It is planned that there be a further expansion of the Christian day school program with the establishing of such a school at Capanema where Brother John Zielasko is the missionary in charge. It is planned that this school will be started when Miss Barbara Hulse returns from furlough. A new school building is also authorized for Macapa where the Millers and Maycumbers serve, as soon as the funds for its erection come in on a project basis. The George Johnsons have begun activities in two new testimonies near Icoaraci. The "camper" which Brother Altig had desired to take into Brazil, and was prevented from doing so, has finally been sold, and with the funds he is buying an "almost new" Jeep, and will build his own "camper" on it. We hope he may soon be in the village visitation that is so dear to his heart. Opportunities are boundless in Amazonia!

Argentina

Funds are being made immediately available for the purchase or building of a residence in a new section in the Buenos Aires area where the Maconaghys expect to open a new testimony. The testimony in Jose Marmol, which the Maconaghys started a few years ago, is now ready to go under Argentine leadership. When the Marshalls return to Argentina following furlough, they will probably begin a testimony in a new city area. Through the Kaiser corporation a Jeep station wagon is now available for mission activity at a very good price. We hope to be able to obtain additional cars this year. Then, greatest of all, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Nelson Fay were appointed for missionary service in Argentina by ballot vote some weeks ago. We hope funds will have come in sufficiently that they can leave for the field in the latter part of this year. The Fays, along with the Clark Millers and the Robert Covers, constitute a very substantial addition to the Argentina missionary personnel.

Africa

This is our largest field with about one-half of all of our missionary personnel. Naturally, the greatest expenditures are in relation to this field. The largest single item now is the erection of the James Gribble Memorial High School. This will be a building with about 4,800 square feet, and will cost about $20,000 when completed. Many of our Brethren have responded to this special need. The student body of Grace schools has already raised a substantial amount toward their goal of $1,500. That goal may have been completed before you read this report. We expect to be able to build at least one, and perhaps two, of the three units this year. With the special blessing of the Lord we could erect the entire building at one time. That would be the most economical way to do it.

Two more French teachers are needed in the fall of 1962 if we are to carry the responsibilities of the elementary and high schools. We have authorized these teachers, who will probably be workers from Switzerland.

Mr. and Mrs. Randall Poyner have been appointed for missionary service in Africa and we hope they may go to the field soon after the end of this year. To care for the Poyners, and the new workers coming from Switzerland, we will need to make extensive repairs on two of the old residences at Yaloke, and build one new residence. Or, it may seem best to demolish the two old residences, and use the material to help build a triplex apartment building. It is estimated that this project may cost as much as $8,500. Two automobiles have been purchased since January 1, and two more are authorized on a project basis. Brother Robert Williams will be ready to accept your gifts toward one of these, and Dr. Floyd Taber when he comes home on furlough in July will present the needs for the other.

A dental school, to train African believers as self-supporting dentists in their own villages, has been a project in Africa. It is in the program to build the first unit this year.

Literature is having great emphasis in all fields. Bookstores are the order of the day. In addition to one which is authorized for Rio Cuarto, Argentina, and another for Icoaraci, Brazil, we are authorizing one for Bozoum in Africa, and asking all fields to tell us their needs in this respect for the future years. Each of these will cost from $500 to $1,000. Then, too, there are plans for expansion in the printing ministry, and it is hoped that soon a Christian magazine in French can be established. This will be an inter-mission venture.

Radio is also coming in for renewed emphasis. The programs in Argentina have been maintained very successfully for a number of years, and some advancement is planned. For your special prayer, there is a plan under consideration by some twelve to twenty different missionary organizations to establish a Christian radio station in the great areas of the center of Africa. We can go no further at present than to ask that you pray with us that if this venture is of the Lord, He will supply the $250,000 needed for our part in the project during the next few years.

Missions on the march! Is there any wonder that our meeting of the board of trustees closed with an attitude much like the renowned "haystack prayer meeting." Continue to pray! God has great things ahead for Brethren Foreign Missions.

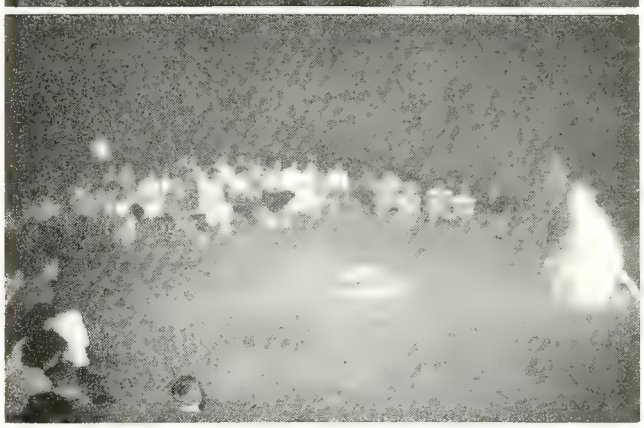
CAMP TIME

the Lord Blessed Again

BY REV. LYNN D. SCHROCK







"Patagones" (Big Feet), "Cuatro Dedos" (Four Toes), "Tres Plumas" (Three Feathers), and "Onas" (a proper name). These were the names of the four tribes this year in our young people's camp. It was the first time in a good many years that we tried the idea of tribes in camp, and thanks to the Lord and the good spirit of cooperation among the young people, it worked. It broke down any "caste" spirit that might have existed otherwise, and one young person expressed it in this way: "We were just one big family."

Young people have to be busy to be happy. At least, that is the way we felt about it, and the continual competition between the tribes kept them busy this year. They chose their names and chiefs; made their insignias; prepared their Bible plays; studied for a contest of Bible questions; and chose their different athletes to compete in track, ping pong, football, and so forth. All of this kept them busy and happy.

The ladies in camp helped in a very important part—that is, in the kitchen. In this way Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Cover had the "privilege" of helping in the task of peeling wormy fruit and seeing that none of the "meat" got to the table.

Yes; our camp was greatly blessed and benefited by the presence of our two new missionary couples—the Clark Millers and the Robert Covers. And, doubtless they understand a little more about the Argentines, their ways and meals, by having spent a week in camp.

We are very grateful to the Lord and all who worked to the end that we could have added commodities in camp this year—especially for the girls' new dormitory.

Top: The camp group of approximately seventy young people. Rev. Lynn Schrock directed this camp which met January 21-28 at Rio de Los Sauces, three-and-one-half hours northwest of Rio Cuarto. Middle: The Bible quiz jury, suspected of being "more for show than for counsel," which served one night. They're all missionaries! Bottom: The closing meeting, a stirring fagot service.

Top: The afternoon sports programs were directed by national pastor Alberto Sotola. Middle: Chalk drawing by Bible-institute student Juan Colle. Bottom: Mildred Wagner directed the camp music. The pictured group assisted in a fine gospel concert presented on Sunday afternoon. At the left is Rev. Solon Hoyt; third from left, Mildred Wagner; fourth, Victor Wagner; sixth, Rev. Clark Miller, and at the right, Norman Schrock.







And we hope that the boys may have something similar within a year or two.

There were no cases of having to discipline, save one, when four boys left the camp without permission at nap time. But even in this case we did not have to punish them with washing dishes and so forth. Rather, they punished themselves by not going swimming that day. And that is real punishment. It was instituted this year because we explained to the young people that washing dishes, getting water, cutting wood, and such, are tasks which have to be done anyway, and shouldn't be considered as punishment. Either they or the directors of camp do this—not as punishment, but rather as service to the Lord.

The mornings were largely taken up with the three classes. Brother Dowdy taught the Book of Ephesians; Brother Cover gave a course on Church History, emphasizing the place occupied by The Brethren Church; and Brother Hoyt gave a course on the Victorious Life. We heard comments of appreciation in relation to all these courses.

We left the traditional preaching session in the evening services. One night a young man painted a picture with crayons and gave a brief message on stewardship. Another night one of our young ladies, who is interested in missionary work among the Indians in the northern part of Argentina, showed slides and told about the work, presenting also a scene from a recent trip she made to that part of Argentina. On other nights we had slides on the Christian relationship between fellows and girls —a much-needed instruction among young people almost anywhere; Bible questions with competition between the tribes (take a good look at the four judges!); Biblical plays presented by the tribes; a play presenting the need of Bible Institute training; and a campfire service on the last night.

In this last service a good many came to place their sticks of wood on the fires—some giving testimony to what decisions made in former years have meant in their lives, and others making decisions that very night.

I think it is safe to say that almost without exception every young person went home happy that he or she attended the camp. And many went home with a new purpose to serve Him who was so clearly and forcefully presented in the camp.

Rev. Robert Cover, who sent the pictures of the camp, has written: "Young people's camp is a blessing in many ways. For many it is the only time when they can be with other Christian young people and share Christian fellowship. For the Christian workers and missionaries it is a time of positive, concerted effort to reach the young people while they are apart from worldly influences. . . . The *fagon* or fagot service was our closing meeting. Though simple, it was effective and various ones stepped out at the challenge. Effort was made to keep from any undue emotional stress. We ask specific prayer for these young people. Most do not have [illegible] Christian environments in which to live. But they are standing firm and we can see a real future in them. Yes, camp this year was well worth while! We shall be reaping the benefits for years to come."

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FOREIGN MISSION

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6.	Warsaw, Ind.	31.37
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8.	Wooster, Ohio	25.28
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43.	Troy, Ohio	14.54
44.	Long Beach, Calif. (North)	14.2
45.	Leesburg, Ind.	14.1
46.	Berne, Ind.	13.7
47.	Lake Odessa, Mich.	13.6
48.	Galion, Ohio	13.5
49.	Conemaugh, Pa. (Pike)	13.4
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51.	Whittier, Calif. (First)	13.1
52.	Johnstown, Pa. (First)	13.0
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70.	Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio	10.4
71.	Martinsburg, W. Va.	10.3
72.	Hagerstown, Md. (Calvary)	10.3
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83.	Kittanning, Pa. (First)	8.7
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86.	South Gate, Calif.	8.4

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90. Listie, Pa. 8.20
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92. Harrah, Wash. 7.97
93. Englewood, Ohio 7.96
94. Elyria, Ohio 7.88
95. Winchester, Va. 7.85
96. Cedar Rapids, Iowa 7.67
97. Gardena, Calif. 7.51
98. Alto, Mich. 7.31
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01. Albany, Oreg. 6.91
02. Washington, Pa. 6.91
03. Cleveland, Ohio 6.77
04. Roanoke, Va. (Ghent) 6.74
05. Martinsburg, Pa. 6.65
06. New Troy, Mich. 6.64
07. Altoona, Pa. (First) 6.58
08. Kittanning, Pa. (North Buffalo) 6.48
09. Winona, Minn. 6.37
10. Rialto, Calif. 6.29
11. Meyersdale, Pa. 6.20
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15. Covington, Va. 6.02
16. Anaheim, Calif. 6.00
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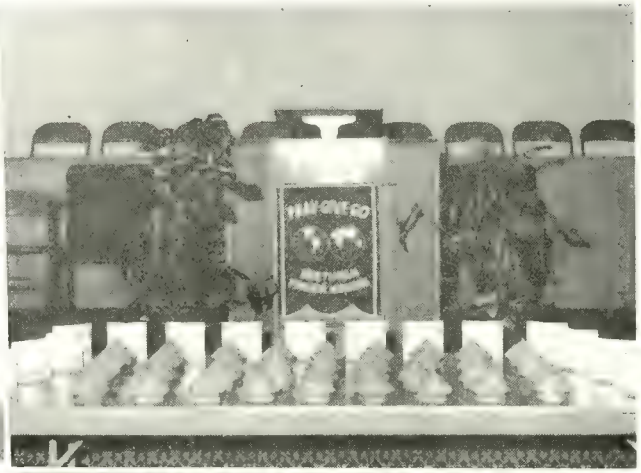
THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

Clyde K. Landrum, Director Box 588—Winona Lake, Ind.

MH'ers Meet Goal Number 2



Ella





John, James, and Daniel

The second goal for all Missionary Helpers is: "I will give of my money to preach the Gospel in foreign lands." And, that is exactly what these MH'ers have done. Last year during the foreign mission offering season, Ella Wong filled a hut bank "to the brim" and brought it to her church in South Pasadena, California, to be added to the African village that you see in the picture. The dime folders made a fence around the village. Mrs. Rose Foster, a retired missionary from Africa, was visiting the Fremont Avenue Brethren Church at that time and offered a souvenir to the one bringing the largest offering. Ella won this souvenir which turned out to be a genuine, handmade African bracelet.

John, James, and Daniel Stroup live in South Bend, Indiana, and attend the Bethel Brethren Church of Osceola. They read about the need for gospel literature on the foreign fields and gave an offering of money they had earned.

Praise the Lord for these MH'ers! We hope that all of you are filling hut banks and dime folders so that you, too, will meet goal number 2.

MARY MISSIONARY—

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Canton, Ohio Burns Mortgage

The First Brethren Church of Canton, Ohio had a unique mortgage burning service February 28 in the form of a covered dish dinner which was attended by 121 members and friends. The special service of praise to our precious Lord for leading us faithfully through full payment of $29,500 indebtedness for our ten acres of church property and parsonage was narrated by trustee Merrald Dunlap. This debt has been completely removed within a four-year period! Mrs. Rose S. Byers, a charter member of the church, put the lighted candle to the mortgage and expressed her appreciation for being able to be present and to take part in the second mortgage burning ceremony . . . the first being that of the present church building.

Twelve large (28"x44") colorful, three-dimensional posters were used to depict the progress of our building program since it was initiated five years ago. Bob Reed unveiled each poster as the story moved forward step by step. Beginning with a huge squirming dinosaur crouching over our inadequate building facilities and labeled, "Are we as out-dated as a dinosaur?" the posters covered the story thoroughly, ending in a note of praise, honor, and glory to the Lord.

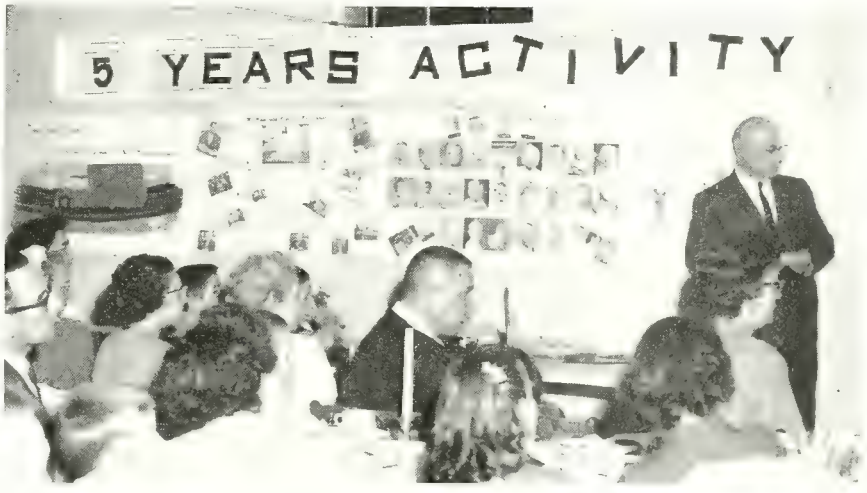
There was also a time of prayer, praise, and testimony in which the congregation took part. The pastor, Rev. John Dilling, completed the perfect evening with a short inspirational and encouraging message.

The tables were beautifully decorated by Mrs. Frank Marsh and Mrs. George Owens who used artificial spring flowers and patriotic colors. The hostess committee in charge of the dinner was supervised by Mrs. Dale Kerr. The program committee consisted of Mrs. John Dilling, Mrs. Merrald Dunlap, Mrs. Williard Smith, and Mrs. Dale Winkler. The artists were Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Winkler. Robert Meiser was the photographer.

—Mrs. Dale Winkler, reporter.



Mortgage burning: Mrs. Rose S. Byers holding the candle. Mr. M. C. Dunlap holding the mortgage.



The posters depicting the progress of the church in the last five years of our building program were explained by Mr. M. C. Dunlap while the congregation watched with interest.



A buffet supper was served to about 121 people. This shows part of the overflow crowd.

Newsmakers

MEMBER EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION

HARRAH, WASH. Dr. and Mrs. Orville Jobson held a three-night missionary conference in the Harrah Brethren Church Mar. 27-29. W. Carl Miller, pastor.

INGLEWOOD, CALIF. Dr. Herman Hoyt, dean of Grace Seminary, delivered two prophetic messages from the Book of Revelation at the First Brethren Church Mar. 19-20. Richard DeArmey, pastor.

PHILADELPHIA, PA. Robert Kern has accepted a unanimous call to serve as pastor of the Third Brethren Church for another year.

GOSHEN, IND. A firsthand report of the tremendous religious upheavals in India will be presented at the Grace Brethren Church here Apr. 15. R. Paul Miller, pastor.

AKRON, OHIO. A two-year Sunday school attendance record was broken at the First Brethren Church, Russell Ogden, pastor, on Mar. 18 with 347 people present.

PHILADELPHIA, PA. The district conference of the Northern Atlantic Fellowship of Brethren Churches will be held at the Third Brethren Church here May 10-12. Robert Kern will be host pastor.

WINONA LAKE, IND. A district WMC Spring Festival was held at the Winona Lake Brethren Church, Mar. 23. Dr. John Whitcomb, professor of Old Testament at Grace Seminary, was the guest speaker. The Youth Evangelism Team provided the special music.

FORT WAYNE, IND. The Men's Glee Club of Moody Bible Institute was featured at the First Brethren Church here Mar. 30. Mark Malles, pastor.

GLENDALE, CALIF. A dedication and homecoming service was celebrated by the First Brethren Church here, Mar. 25. Rev. Archie Lynn was the morning speaker, and a sacred concert was presented by the Eternal Life Crusade Singers in the evening. A Bible prophecy conference was held here during April 1-7 with the Jubilee Singers providing the special music. Robert E. A. Miller, pastor.

PHOENIX, ARIZ. Captain Mitsuo Fuchida, leader of the Pearl Harbor attack, gave his testimony at the Grace Brethren Church here Mar. 11. Charles Ashman, Jr., pastor.

WOOSTER, OHIO. The Grace College Choir will present a sacred concert at the First Brethren Church on Easter Sunday evening, Kenneth Ashman, pastor.

WINONA LAKE, IND. The National Youth Council announces that because of much confusion and questioning concerning rule 14 of the Team Quiz rules, they are once again adding the bonus question, which will enable the quizzer of the opposing team of the corresponding number of the quizzer who made the error to answer the question and receive a bonus of ten points. The erring quizzer will still remain out of play until a correct answer by his team or until the fourth question.

MARTINSBURG, PA. Bill Pearce, the well-known recording vocalist and trombonist, will present sacred music at the First Brethren Church during May 18-20. John Terrell, pastor.

PARKERSBURG, W. VA. The Allegheny district overnight youth rally was held Mar. 30-31 at the Grace Brethren Church. Richard Placeway was the host pastor.

CHEYENNE, WYO. The Brigade and Stockade boys clubs of First Brethren Church sponsored a father-son banquet Mar. 16. There were approximately 70 fathers and sons present for the event. Rev. Wallace Bloomquist, of Littleton, Colo., was the special speaker.

LA VERNE, CALIF. Mrs. Loree Sickel, Brethren missionary to Argentina, spoke at First Brethren Church here Mar. 18. Elias D. White, pastor.

CHEYENNE, WYO. The First Brethren Church is planning to start a Christian Day School. A Kinder-

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 30 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Church	*Date*	*Pastor*	*Speaker*
Washington, D. C.	Apr. 1-8	James Dixon	Mark Malles
Washington, Pa.	Apr. 1-15	Shimer Darr	H. Lingenfelter
Jenners, Pa.	Apr. 8-13	Kenneth Wilt	O. E. Phillips
Akron, Ohio	Apr. 8-15	Russell Ogden	Mason Cooper
Dayton, Ohio	Apr. 8-15	Everett Caes	Bill Smith
Homerville, Ohio	Apr. 8-15	Robert Holmes	Bob Collitt
Alexandria, Va.	Apr. 8-15	John Burns	Dean Fetterhoff
Rittman, Ohio	Apr. 8-22	Charles Turner	A. R. Kriegbaum
Johnstown, Pa.	Apr. 9-15	James Sweeton	B. Schneider
Englewood, Ohio	Apr. 15-22	Lon Karns	Herman Hoyt
Mansfield, Ohio	Apr. 15-22	M. L. Myers	B. Schneider
Martinsburg, Pa.	Apr. 15-22	John Terrell	Jim Custer
Uniontown, Pa.	Apr. 15-29	True Hunt	Guy Libbey
Akron, Ohio	Apr. 17-29	R. Gingrich	Bob Collitt
Hopewell, Pa.	Apr. 18-29	Sheldon Snyder	Jerry Brubaker
Elyria, Ohio	Apr. 22-29	G. Lingenfelter	Bill Smith
Middlebranch, Ohio	Apr. 22-29	Wesley Haller	Richard Grant
Meyersdale, Pa.	Apr. 23-29	William Snell	B. Schneider
Johnson City, Tenn.	Apr. 23-29	Charles Martin	John Burns
Grafton, W. Va.	Apr. 23-May 6	Paul Mohler	Kenneth Taylor
Dayton, Ohio	May 6-13	Russell Ward	T. W. Wilson

garten teacher is needed. Anyone interested should write to Russell L. Williams, 1517 Walnut Dr., Cheyenne, Wyo.

LAKE ODESSA, MICH. Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Utter of the Grace Brethren Church celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, Mar. 18. Lee Crist, pastor.

POMPANO BEACH, FLA. Dean Risser, pastor of Graceview Brethren Church, announces record attendances of 85 in both Sunday school and morning worship services, Mar. 18.

PORTLAND, OREG. All records were broken recently at Grace Brethren Church, Neil Beery, pastor, with 109 in Sunday school and 90 in morning worship.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Rev. and Mrs. Adam H. Rager, 20842 S. Seine Ave., Artesia, Calif. The telephone number is 865-7766. Rev. Robert Wm. Markley 3643 Wadsworth Rd., Norton Village, Ohio. Rev. Mason Cooper, 2523 S. Carpenter Dr., Covington, Virginia. Please change Annual.

SOUTH BEND, IND. Gene Witzky, pastor of the Ireland Road Brethren Church, announces record-breaking attendances of 194 in morning worship and 176 in Sunday school Mar. 18. Brother Witzky reports that decisions have been recorded every Sunday for five weeks in succession.

DAYTON, OHIO. The North Riverdale Brethren Church, Russell Ward, pastor, has extended an invitation to the Hebrew Christian Alliance to hold a conference here June 9-10.

CLEVELAND, OHIO. Sunday school teachers from the First Brethren Church, Clair Brickel, pastor, attended the Cleveland Sunday School convention Apr. 5-6. Rev. Harold Etling participated in the workshops.

ALLENTOWN, PA. John Neely, pastor of the First Brethren Church here, has been very ill with a nervous disorder since last November. His condition is serious. Urgent prayer is requested in his behalf.



WAYNESBORO, PA.

We are praising the Lord for the eight-day evangelistic campaign conducted at First Brethren Church Feb. 18-25 with Rev. Herman H., Hein, Jr., of Troy, Ohio, as the evangelist, and with Rev. H. Don Rough, assistant pastor at Kittanning, Pa., as song leader and choir director. Dorothy Crees Rough was the soloist and aided in children's meetings. The spirit of the people was excellent, and they were active in witnessing for weeks before the meeting began. The young people distributed 3500 advertising circulars and tracts to every home in the city, fastening them to doorknobs.

The Thursday before the campaign, the team met with the adults and challenged them to a contest. Saturday the children and young people were thus challenged in separate meetings. Friday was the day of prayer. In the ten public services the attendance averaged 173, with 248 visitors brought in who were not members of our church or Sunday school. In the attendance contest, the teens won over the juniors, men, and women. There were 27 who accepted Christ as Saviour, 45 who came in rededication of life, and three who consecrated their lives for full-time Christian service, a total of 75 public decisions. We found Brother Hein to be a good preacher and a tireless personal worker. It was a joy also to work with our son-in-law and daughter and realize how they have grown in ability and consecration. Brethren, pray for us.

—Robert D. Crees, pastor

LAKE ODESSA, MICH.

The Grace Brethren Church of Lake Odessa enjoyed a three-day missionary conference Mar. 9-11 with Rev. and Mrs. Robert Williams, missionaries to Africa. On Saturday night, Mar. 10, we had a missionary fair with booths representing each foreign mission station, and each one served something from that country, and told all about the missionary work there. Misses Norma Hulliberger and Norma Jacobs of the foreign mission office came to assist us with the fair. On Sunday afternoon, Mar. 11, baptismal services were held and six youngsters were baptized and taken into the church.

—Mrs. Betty Hulliberger, secy.

SAN BERNARDINO, CALIF.

The San Bernardino County Christian Endeavor Union convened at the Grace Brethren Church Mar. 17. Dr. Robert Schraper was the guest speaker. Classes were conducted in the afternoon in the church and school buildings. Rev. Wayne Flory of the L.A.C.E. Union, spoke to the large crowd assembled for the evening banquet by way of five heart-warming songs. Decisions were made at this convention that will last for all eternity.

—Emlyn Jones, pastor

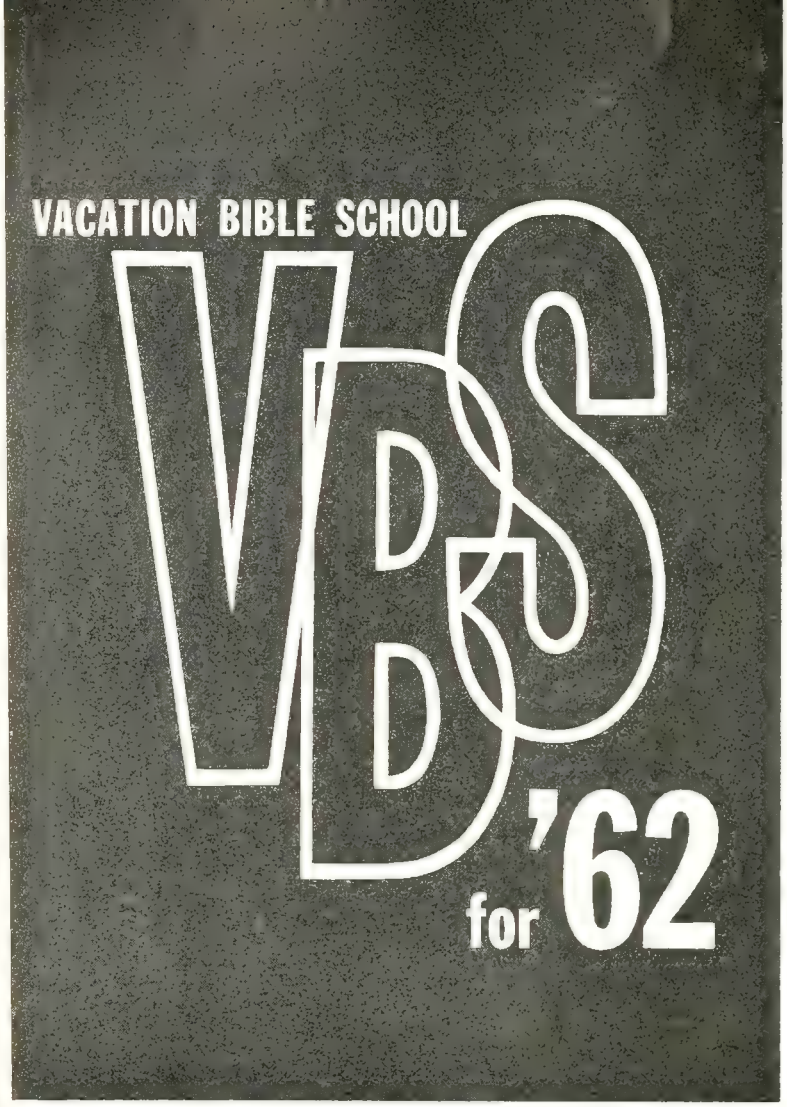
NAVAJO MISSION, CUBA, N. MEX.

The Brethren Navajo Mission is now holding regular Sunday evening services in English, in addition to the Navajo services. The purpose of these services is twofold, for the fellowship and encouragement of our staff, and for an outreach to our Anglo neighbors. The nearest strong gospel testimony is 70 miles away.

Interest and attendance have been good. Some of the special speakers have been Rev. Richard DeArmey and Rev. John Mayes. A five-day prophetic Bible Conference was recently conducted by Dr. Charles Mayes. Fine community support was evident, and the chapel was crowded out with attendances up to 90.

Last month the first Brethren communion service was observed [illegible] Mission. There were 21 partakers and four Navajo observers.

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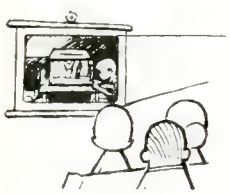


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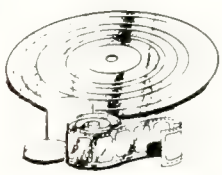
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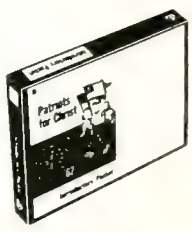
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BRETHREN DAY OF PRAYER—SUNDAY, APRIL 15

Praise and Prayer

FOREIGN MISSIONS

PRAISE the Lord for our African pastors. Pray for them as they guide their people and direct the work of the African Brethren churches.

PRAY for the Tom Juliens in France as they make plans for furlough this summer that the Lord will help them care for all the details that need to be worked out.

PRAY for the missionaries in Puerto Rico as they continue their study of the Spanish language.

PRAISE God for a newly organized WMC in Waimalu, Hawaii. Pray for these Sisters in Christ.

YOUTH

PRAY for the many decisions that were made the past few weeks through the ministry of the Youth Evangelism Team. Pray that there may be real growth in lives.

PRAY for our championship quiz team as they leave for Puerto Rico this month.

GRACE SEMINARY, COLLEGE

PRAISE God for the $175,000 in gifts and loans to the dormitory fund.

PRAY that the ground breaking for the dormitory may take place by May 1.

PRAISE God for the excellent Christian growth in the lives of many students and faculty members and for the good spiritual atmosphere on the campus.

PRAY for our seminary seniors as they will soon face the challenge of Christian service following graduation.

PRAY that all financial needs of the students will be met in the way that will best honor the Lord.

EVANGELISM

PRAY for a great harvest of souls in each one of Evangelist Bob Collitt's campaigns in the eastern section of our Brotherhood during the next three months.

PRAY that God will raise up the right men for our full time evangelistic teams, and for the summer teams made up of students from our college and seminary who are burdened for souls.

PRAY that the offering will be sufficient for us to expand the field of evangelism.

PRAY for a revived sense of holy living and burden for lost souls to come upon our entire Brotherhood.

HOME MISSIONS

PRAY for the pastors beginning new ministries at Kokomo, Indiana; Barberton, Ohio, and Hatboro, Pennsylvania.

PRAY for our churches in Vandalia and Galion, Ohio; and Lancaster, Pennsylvania, as they seek permanent locations as the Lord directs.

PRAY for a radio sponsor for the Taos (N. Mex.) church service.

PRAY for a large group of people leaving a church because of modernism, that the Lord will direct them to the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches.

PRAY for the students at the Navajo Mission boarding school that those who have not accepted Christ might do so.

PRAY for the sale of two parcels of property not needed in the development of the churches at Berrien Springs, Michigan, and Cheyenne, Wyoming.

SMM

PRAY that SMM girls in America will be a testimony to girls in other lands.

PRAY that SMM will become a "must" for every Brethren girl.

PRAY for our missionary children who are in schools for higher education.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRAY that the Loyalty Campaign during the six weeks immediately following Easter may bring good results to every Brethren Sunday school.

PRAY that our teachers may realize the tremendous spiritual responsibility that rests upon them, and that they will make proper preparations for teaching their classes.

PRAY that the printed quarterlies may be used to help teachers.

PRAY that our Sunday schools may take seriously the slogan "Double in this decade."

PRAISE God for the churches that have given support to the National Sunday School Board. Pray that more churches will respond to our great need of finances.

LAYMEN

PRAY for the officers of the local laymen's organizations.

PRAY for God to lay the burden of reaching the lost on our men.

PRAY that God will lead in the forming of district laymen organizations where there are none.

PRAY for the needy organized laymen's organizations.

MISSIONARY HERALD

PRAISE God for the excellent response to our VBS seminars held March 26-27.

PRAY that the Lord will give increased abilities and capabilities to writers and to staff members to do a more efficient and effective work unto the Lord.

PRAY for the Lord's leading in plans for our offering period for June and July.

BRETHREN MISSIONARY

HERALD

APRIL 14, 1962



A Sad State of Preaching

One who apparently is in a position to know declared that preaching is in "a sad state."

The Rev. William H. Gentz, book editor of Augsburg Publishing House, related his "bad experience" in attempting to assemble a collection of sermons last year.

He wrote to presidents of the nineteen districts of the American Lutheran Church, which operates Augsburg, asking for the names of the best preachers in each district. His request was for "something fresh, something good" in sermons—something to help pastors strengthen their own preaching.

He received the names of more than one hundred clergymen and wrote letters to them explaining that "we are trying to put out an Easter sermon collection for 1962."

About forty-five replied and indicated their desire to participate. Each of these were asked for a sample sermon. About half, twenty-two to be exact, sent samples, but the rest explained that they were "too busy."

Mr. Gentz worked on the contributions and returned them with suggestions for rewriting. Ten clergymen returned rewritten sermons.

"We figured these would be the best in the country," sighs Mr. Gentz, but he says that all were rejected as inadequate.

"Some did a fair job of writing, but didn't have much content," he said. "Some did fairly well in content, but were dull and none of them were worth publication."

The failure to produce dynamic and Christ-exalting sermons is plaguing many pulpits in our land today. The divine antidote for this sad state of preaching is a Spirit-filled ministry. Isaiah 61:1 points to the answer: "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek." The Spirit of God is never the author of dull, listless sermons. Therefore, ministers need to sense the urgency of falling upon their faces and crying out to God for powerful, convincing messages for our day.

Brethren, let us pray for a great revival of Spirit-filled Gospel preaching for this crucial hour in the history of our world.—R.E.G.

COVER PHOTO—WMC ISSUE



Our cover photo this week is a WMC salute to the Sisterhood of Mary and Martha whose birthday month is April.

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HISTORY

of the Sisterhood of Mary and Martha

By Miss Elizabeth Tyson

The first Sisterhood was started in Philadelphia by Mrs. Mary Bauman—the first wife of Dr. L. S. Bauman. Seeing the need for activity for girls, she invited the girls to her home. They read in unison and discussed the account of Mary and Martha as told in Luke. The purpose of the group was to be the deepening of the spiritual life of the members, and the spreading of the Gospel to the women and girls of other lands. The first meetings were held on Sunday mornings at 10 o'clock, before the church service (Sunday school was held in the afternoon).

To quote from early records: "Not great numbers do we seek to join our ranks, but those who can conscientiously take our pledge, those who want to know and do more things that He would have us do." Four committees were formed with three girls on each committee to plan the work.

These devotional meetings, and occasionally a social time at the home of Mrs. Bauman, continued for several years. When Dr. and Mrs. Louis Bauman moved West, Mrs. Iva Kolb became their leader.

It is interesting to know that in Philadelphia, the first original SMM still meets twice each year. It is called the Iva Kolb Auxiliary and is made up of charter members of the first Sisterhood and those who became members during the first ten years of its history. Mrs. Kolb is now ninety-four years of age. The influence of her leadership, the wonderful lessons taught are kept fresh in their hearts at these get-togethers when Mrs. Kolb brings a devotional Bible Study. They still have projects to work on. The women come from Delaware, New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania.*

The national work began in 1913. There were at this time twenty-one SMMs. The month of April, chosen for the birth month of Sisterhood, honors the first Sisterhood organized.

The first covenant read as follows: "I will not cease to make offerings of prayer, time, and money to the end that the daughters of sorrow in every land may know the love of Jesus."

The first foreign missionary work on record was the sending of bandages to the lepers by individual societies. When the Gribble party sailed in 1918, a

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Progress Report of the Sisterhood of Mary and Martha

By Miss Joyce Ashman

Greetings in the name of our wonderful Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

First of all, the SMM girls in the Brotherhood would like to express their appreciation and heartfelt thanks for everything that the WMC ladies have done for us. Where would Sisterhood be today if you ladies hadn't taken an interest in it and helped us?

By way of report now. Since SMM was founded in 1913, it has grown by leaps and bounds in every way. The organization was started by a small group of girls in Philadelphia who had a zeal for missions and a desire to work. This enthusiasm spread until at the present time, we have over 200 societies in Africa, Hawaii, and all parts of the United States. The membership of SMM grew from a dozen members to the present enrollment of over 2,000 members. This includes age groups for Juniors, Middlers, Seniors, College and Career girls, and this past year a new group known as Little Sisters was added. This age group is made up of girls in grades one to three and was created because these young girls were desirous of getting into the work of SMM before they were of eligible age.

Aside from many local and district projects, we have accomplished great things on a national scale; namely, The Bethany Guest House in Taos, New Mexico; The Brethren Chapel in Dryhill, Kentucky; A car for our missionary Miss Evelyn Fuqua, and this year we completed payment on a car for Miss Isobel Fraser in our Jewish work. One of our big work projects that has held the interest of all the girls for many years has been the rolling of bandages for our Mission field in Africa. Only eternity will tell how many souls were saved by the hard work of rolling these bandages.

A new method of making our program material available has been adopted. We are now sending out packets to each group with the devotional material in them. This postage and some past indebtedness has

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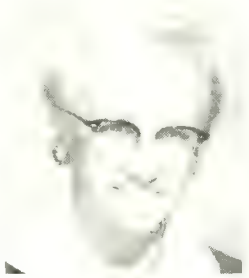
This is the fourth of a series on the Christian woman—

AS A WITNESS TO OTHERS

"I did it! I witnessed today!" The attractive little woman almost shouted the words as she rushed into the presence of the Bible study group. Because of a very serious physical handicap, this dear Christian had long grieved, for she felt she could never be a witness for her Lord. But today when she walked to the bus stop carrying her Bible, a woman working in the yard called to her, saying: "Tell me something. Where do you go so regularly with your Bible? You must attend an interesting meeting." And my friend witnessed through tears of joy to this unsaved person. To carry a Bible is indeed a witness.

"Pardon me, I see you have a Bible. I am in deep trouble. Please help me." I looked at the pale agony in the woman's face as we waited for a bus. For thirty minutes I was privileged to witness to this troubled soul from an open Bible as we sat riding in the seat together. Christian women who are not too busy to attend services faithfully with their Bible in hand are witnesses to the many individuals observing them. Vacationing guests in our homes should be aware of the regular attendance rule.

"I prepared food for the Jarrel's," said the voice over the telephone. I can better witness to them this way." These same hands as usual were serving and witnessing in bereavement. God has blessed woman with keen intuition, agile hands, gentle voice, and loving heart to aid the troubled, to quiet children, soothe the disturbed, nurse the ill, and cheer the aged. Such gifts bespeak service to be rendered as a witness to others. Two verses, three dozen words, describe such a remarkable woman: "He touched . . . fever left . . . she arose . . . ministered" (Matt. 8:14-15). Woman saved. Woman served. Woman won. Woman witnessed.



By Mrs. Grant McDonald
Ramona, California

"My feet are quiet but my face isn't," was small Billy's response to the teacher's request to be quiet. Perhaps our feet cannot serve, but a Christlike countenance will always witness to others. The Christian woman should have a pure inner glow of peace and joy to communicate to all around her. "Your face isn't happy. Why should I accept your Christ?" asked the young lady of the woman bearing a deeply burdened face. Upon examining herself in the mirror, she found it to be true. Christian beauty wells from the heart within.

Well-chosen words, attitudes, and conduct in social gatherings, in calls, and dealings with business and professional service people are witnesses. The places we go and the things we do are silent witnesses to our Lord. There is a negative approach as well. The places we do not go, the things we do not do, and leave unsaid speak positively. Our appearance, grooming, voice, talents, and funds may all be used to tell others of Christ. Our homes, the environment, the hospitality can be a definite witness. Tactful and prayerful distribution of tracts is an unlimited and never ending witness.

The giving of Bibles and Christian literature as gifts becomes a powerful witness unto Him. Bowing the head for thanksgiving in public eating places is a witness. The dedicated teaching of all age groups in the Word of God is certainly a most worthy and fruitful witness multiplied over.

Through the gifts with which Christ has endowed us, we should declare Him to our husbands, children, and others. To do this effectively, we must study the Word faithfully and pray. May we, as Christian women this year, be "His witnesses unto the people" (Acts 13:31).

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created a financial crises in our organization. We have greatly appreciated the gifts from several of the councils in helping to alleviate this deficit. We covet your prayers further in this matter that we might be able to start a new year in good financial standing. The local patronesses have no doubt received your letter from the national SMM executive committee concerning this matter.

At our winter board meetings in March, we made a skeleton outline of our conference programs for August. Everyone is working to make it the best yet. We wish you ladies would encourage as many girls as possible to attend the conference programs this year. We think they will be a real blessing to all who attend.

We praise the Lord for our "Mother" organization, and pray we may always do worthily as SMM girls as we prepare for future service in WMC.

The Thousandth Letter

HOW MANY HAVE YOU TO GO?

The thousandth letter! Anyone putting himself or herself to the task of writing letters to missionaries who reaches the 1,000th letter and knows it, is deserving of honorable mention.

Following is a copy of this thousandth letter, and we cannot help but wonder who will write the next thousand. As you will see, the letter is not long; it always started with the greetings, followed by the verse and some pertinent news items of interest and encouragement to us. It's wonderful to be reminded that there are those of you in the homeland who remember us, and pray for us, and are working just as hard as we are to serve the Lord. Here is the letter:

Dear Sister in Christ;

Greetings from the WMC of Whittier, California. If the Lord tarries,

We wish you many happy returns of thy birth,
May sunshine and gladness be given,
And may the dear Father prepare thee on earth,
For a beautiful birthday in heaven.

This is the thousandth birthday letter that I have written. I am going to stop now and let someone else who is not almost ninety years old do the writing now. I am slowly recovering from a broken back, but I praise the Lord that I am as well as I am. I attended church services yesterday. I only missed church twice.

We still have no rain. This is the driest and the hottest October on record.

Now may God richly bless you in your work and give you many souls for your hire is our prayer.

Yours in Christian love,
Mrs. I. T. Day

Mrs. Day, I feel real privileged to be the recipient of your thousandth birthday letter, and I want you to know that we have enjoyed your letters through the years, and appreciate your assurance that you all are praying for us. I know that I am speaking for my fellow missionaries, too, when I say, we will miss them. It's faithfulness like yours that counts for the Lord. Even tho' your letters may no longer come, I know that we can still count on your interest in our work and your prayers for us.

May God bless you and continue to make you a blessing to many others as you have been to us.

I want to at this time also thank the many other WMC's who have faithfully remembered us, and are praying for us and the work here in Africa. Let me say right here that we need your help as never before, and we are counting on you.



Pictured above, left to right, is Mrs. Clarence Zook and "Auntie Day."

Continue to pray for all of your missionaries, and for your African Brethren in responsible places without whom we would be unable to carry on the work as it is now. Praise the Lord with us for these men and women.

There are so many things calling to be done on every hand that it is sometimes almost impossible to know what is of first line importance. Pray that we may not become discouraged and that the Lord will give us wisdom to know how to put first things first, and that we may have the health and strength for every task and duty. Let us be workers together with Him—II Corinthians 6:1-3.

—Mrs. J. P. Kliever

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MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS FOR JUNE

AFRICA—

Rev. S. Wayne Beaver June 2
Mission Evangelique, Yaloke via Bangui, Central African Republic

Mrs. Marvin L. Goodman, Jr. June 12
Mission a N'Zoro, Bocaranga via Bangui, Central African Republic

Rev. Martin M. Garber June 14
Mission a Bekoro, Paoua via Bangui, Central African Republic

Rev. Roy B. Snyder June 15
Bouca via Bangui, Central African Republic

Miss Marie Mishler June 19
Bouca via Bangui, Central African Republic

Mrs. Harold A. Mason June 26
B.P. 36, Bossangoa via Bangui, Central African Republic

FRANCE—

Rev. Thomas T. Julien June 27
61, Bd Joseph-Vallier, Grenoble (Isere) France

PUERTO RICO—

Mrs. G. James Dickson June 27
1667 Asomante Street, Summit Hills, Caparra Heights, San Juan, Puerto Rico

IN THE UNITED STATES—

Mrs. Rose A. Foster June 9
105 Seminary Drive, Winona Lake, Indiana

Report From National Project Chairman

Taos Radio Project

The Home Missions Council has just advised that the radio station at Taos, New Mexico, has offered our missionary, Sam Horney, five minutes every day for the small cost of $1.

This seems to be truly of the Lord and could be mightily used of Him. If your council or district can assist in this project, will you immediately advise the national project chairman, Mrs. Harold Etling, Box 718, Winona Lake, Indiana. Send the money to the financial secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Robert Ashman, 602 Chestnut Street, Winona Lake, Indiana.

Every District a Display

Each district is urged to have a display at national conference. It should include publicity ideas, programs, rally programs, ideas of how councils have assisted SMM, methods of publicizing the local, district, and national projects, type of celebrations held to honor the birthday missionaries, and the like. —Mrs. Harold Etling

Canning Project

The councils of the Northwest district have grown, cultivated, and prepared fruits and vegetables for the Navajo Mission for several years. The burden has been great financially, and it is necessary for other councils to help with a cash offering. If you care to assist the Northwest district, please notify Mrs. Harold Etling, Box 718, Winona Lake, Indiana, by May first.

African Projects

The foreign board has approved the following list of projects suggested by Mrs. Marvin Goodman, of Africa. *This must be handled carefully* so that we do not get an oversupply. Please clear all projects with the national project chairman, Mrs. Harold Etling, Box 718, Winona Lake, Indiana. She must know who is making the different things and how many.

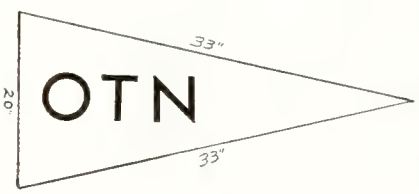
The following items are needed for the dorm in Africa:

1. Bib aprons—10 dark colored, 10 white (butcher type aprons, make size that fits an ordinary sized woman. Our boys are not large).
2. Two dozen dish towels.
3. Two dozen dish cloths.
4. Two dozen wash cloths.
5. Two dozen pot holders.
6. Twelve dark colored bedspreads (twin size—Bates type—4 blue, 4 brown, 4 rose).
7. Ten cotton bed pads (twin size).
8. Ten twin size bed sheets.

These should be sent to Mrs. Don Spangler, B.P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic. The smaller things could be sent by first class mail. The larger articles could be sent out with a returning missionary.

All of the following are handwork projects:

1. OTN head scarves—3,000 made from 31 or 32-inch square red material cut in half, with OTN sewn on in black—made of twill tape (iron-on tape is not satisfactory). A square is easier to make. Letters should be 2½ inches tall, head scarves are just hemmed all around with white letters in back.



2. OTN flags—200, 33 inches by 20 inches, red material with white border one inch wide all around, and white letters 5 inches high and 3½ inches wide with one-inch cloth.

3. AMM flags—green with white border. Made same as OTN, but put block letters AMM on them.

4. Nurses' aprons—200 white butcher type.

5. Baby jackets—1,000. (These should be small. Their largest babies are only about 6 lbs.)

6. Waterproof bookholders—3,000 made envelope shape, 7" x 10"—11" x 14", 500 of these to be used for lesson materials.

7. Visual aid materials—500 sets. Simple stories, The Fall, Cain and Abel, Flood, Rahab, Abraham, Good Samaritan, Nicodemus, Passover, Resurrection, Crucifixion, Second Coming. Plain gray backgrounds will be needed. Please, no fancy complicated backgrounds. Figures should not be bigger than 11 inches. Do not put in the little extras, bushes, trees, stones, et cetera. Just put in the essentials. These are to be used by our Africans and need to be simple.

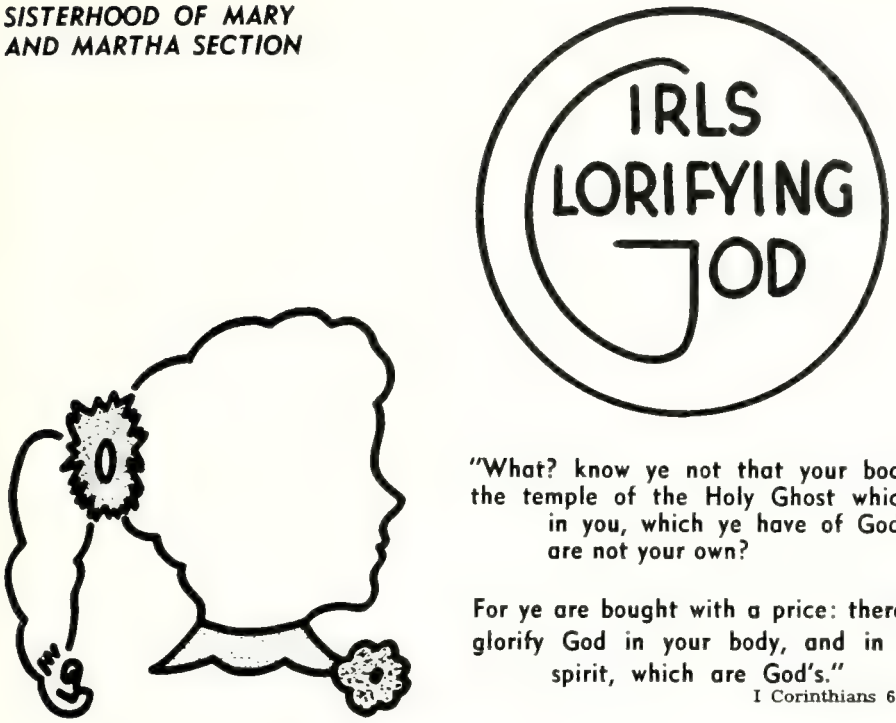
8. Waterproof card covers—5,000 (for medical cards) *2¾ by 4 inches.* These should be stitched on three sides with one end open to slip in a card.

I don't know if Grant's stores are nationwide, but I hear that they give a reduction on materials bought by the bolt for missionary use. The head scarves, flags, bookholders, and visual aids should be sent first class to Bangui and will be distributed from there. The nurses' aprons, baby jackets and waterproof card covers should be sent first class to Boguila (The Medical Center, Boguila via Bangui, Central African Republic). *Projects 1-8 are listed in priority* as they felt they were needed.

WMC NEWS ITEM

ENGLEWOOD, OHIO. The Grace Brethren WMC ladies have made Thanksgiving plates for the sick and old folks. We sent linens to the construction crew for Christmas. At our December meeting we bought gifts for our Missionary Treasure Chest. We have done mending of used clothing and made comforters.

Yours in Christ,
Jeri Meeker, secretary



"What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, ye are not your own?

For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."
I Corinthians 6:19-20

"Around the World for Christ . . . in Africa" Monique Glorifies God at Boyanga—by Miss Mary Beth Munn

Several years ago, my folks went to the Bible institute and I went with them. While we were there I learned to read and write in the children's school. Maybe you will think that is not such a big thing, for I understand that all of the young people in America have been able to read and write since they were children. But in our village, I'm the only teen-age girl who can read. In the evenings we girls of our church get together while I try to teach them how to read. We have finished the three beginner reading books, and now I'm trying to teach them the first chapter of John. It has taken over a year to get even this far.

Usually my girl friends and I spend the day out in the garden with our folks. This year I planted over an acre of cotton for myself, which meant a lot of work to dig up the ground; then later I had to keep it weeded, but now the cotton is picked and sold and I have twenty dollars to spend this year. One thing that I have learned is to give my tenth to the Lord. Sometimes it is a real temptation not to give the whole tenth since there are so many nice things that I'd love to have. I have two dresses, one gathered skirt, and one head scarf in my whole wardrobe, and that is even more than any of my friends have.

I want to buy a New Testament and a songbook with some of the money. My mother and I have used an old Bible of my father's, but the corner is off and many of the pages are missing. I'm really looking forward to having my very own Testament.

We do not have a real Sisterhood in our village yet. Only a few of the women in our church can read, and they have such large families that they do not have time to help us. But, we girls get together to sing for special music in church, and we try to play our own games instead of going to the village dances. Some of the girls slip away anyway to join the young people who are dancing around the three village drums. How I pray that they will soon know how that displeases the Lord.

A young man has asked my father to marry me. His father is a preacher, too. I certainly hope he loves the Lord like I do. I do not know him yet although I have seen him a couple of times when he has come to see my folks. I do not know when we will be married because his family is still trying to get enough money to pay my father and uncles for me. He lives quite a distance from here. When we get married I will not see my folks for years at a time.

Sometimes I am tempted to ask my father to let me marry one of the rich men who have asked for me. I would have lots of clothes and would not have to work hard anymore, and I'd have fun, too. Then I see how happy my mother is because she and my father love the Lord, and I know that my true heart wants to glorify God. When I'm married I hope to continue teaching girls how to read and how to live the way the Lord teaches us.

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DEAR AMY:

I found Christ as my personal Saviour when I was a junior. I have gone to youth meetings, SMM, Sunday school, and church as long as I can remember. I truly love the Lord, but one thing bothers me—I am not winning others to the Lord. How can I be an effective soul-winner?

Pat

Dear Pat:

It is refreshing to hear from young friends who want to bear witness of our matchless Saviour. There is such joy, peace, and assurance in Christ that we should want everyone to know our Lord.

Did you get to see any of the astronaut John Glenn's broadcasts? It made us realize anew that some day every eye shall behold our Lord. Did you notice how easily people talked to others of the orbital flight—just as easy as talking of new hairdos, styles, and good food. It is strange how difficult it is to speak of spiritual things, isn't it?

As I understand your letter, it seems as if you are expecting a special feeling or a spectacular situation to afford itself for you to witness.

Pat, the Holy Spirit is waiting and longing to guide us. Some factors are very important before He can use us. We must have a positive, personal experience ourselves. We cannot sell what we do not have. What has salvation done for us personally? If we are "grouchy" at home, critical with friends, or irresponsible at work, the world soon notices. We preach even as we go and come from our homes. We preach as we help in the home. We witness when others say mean things about us, and yet we remain unruffled and sweet for His sake. He must be Lord of every situation, or He is not Lord at all.

We might say that good eyesight is a "must." I am not speaking of "20-20 vision," but rather that we have a burden for the sinners all around us who are bound for eternal hell unless you and I proclaim His story. One warning! If we proclaim the news, it is the work of the Holy Spirit to convict of sin (John 16:7-11). Also Jeremiah 33:8-9 tells us that if we do not warn a man about his sin, his blood will be upon us; but when we do, we are not held responsible.

You may not have many talents, but God only asks us to use the ones He has given us. The richest or the poorest, the weakest or the strongest is included when Christ said, "Go ye." He will use anyone who will yield to Him.

Maybe you are not trained in the Scriptures. Many girls are working their way through school to receive formal training. (Of course, we recommend Grace College.) However, if this is impossible, ask your pastor to have a soul-winning class. Practice with members of the class how to deal with the unsaved. As you read your Bible, mark passages that answer your own problems or questions. Obtain books on soul-winning from your church library. Read articles in the *Missionary Herald*. Ask the Lord for a passion for souls. Find someone who does not know Christ. Be kind to her or him. Ask the Holy Spirit for proper Scriptures at the right time.

I will be looking forward to a letter soon that tells me you have witnessed to someone "at home, at school, at play."

"He who winneth souls is wise."

Love and prayers,
AMY

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HISTORY

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part of their supply of bandages was given by Sisterhoods. In 1920, James Gribble sent an appeal for Sisterhoods to supply bandages semiannually to the extent of a box fourteen inches square by two feet long. With this small beginning, the provision of a bandage secretary to care for their packing and shipping was necessary. Miss Betty Grace, niece of Miss Elizabeth Tyson, was the first bandage secretary. She secured the packing cases through her father who was employed at the John B. Stetson Hat Company in Philadelphia.)

The projects of Sisterhood during the years are interesting and, when added together, make a fine record.

The sum of $500 in trust fund was built up with Sisterhood monies, started in 1926 and completed in 1931, and for years the interest was used to give financial gifts to missionary children for higher education.

The Bethany Mission Home built in Ashland, Ohio, was financed by Sisterhood funds in 1931. Another project was a gift fund for native pastor's children in South America. A baby hospital for Africa proved an interesting project. The above are only a few of the many SMM projects.

God has truly blessed this organization, and as the girls of The Brethren Church continue to serve God through this group, the prayers and gifts of WMC women surely should go with them.

*There are only two of the original "girls" left that were in the first group that Mrs. Mary Bauman started in her home. Mrs. William McKeefery, of Philadelphia (she is the mother of Mrs. Norman Uphouse), and Miss Anna Schrepple, of Sacramento, California.

Nooz From Yooz

MIDDLEBRANCH, OHIO. The Middler group is having a wonderful year in SMM. During the Christmas season, they "relaxed" at a slumber party. Now they are working hard as they are making green vests with white SMM letters.

MARTINSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA. The girls from Martinsburg have been busy. They packed six boxes for college students (yummy) at Christmastime, and in October glorified God by passing out 200 tracts throughout the city.

IOWA DISTRICT. "One project completed," say the girls from the Iowa district. They chose a missionary daughter, Becky Schrock, and gave some money to provide an eye examination and (or) eyeglasses for her. This was the largest offering recorded in many years from this district.

COVINGTON, OHIO. "We've been busy and are working to become an honor SMM," says the Middler patroness from Covington. In September the girls counted sales tax stamps, sent them in and helped purchase some new church hymnals with the refunds from the stamps.

For the church Thanksgiving meal, the girls made paper turkeys and leaves to help decorate the tables.

Original animal pictures for the nursery classroom and ferns for the church add much beauty, thanks to the girls.

At Christmastime, they baked cookies and gave these out when they went caroling.

Their last project was the purchase of stockings for the Navajo Indian children.

These girls certainly have been glorifying God in their service.

WINONA LAKE, INDIANA. The national executive board met March 9 and 10 to discuss the business of SMM. The conference program was planned. Watch for the announcement of the complete program in a later issue of the *Missionary Herald.* The programs are going to be a real blessing this year. We trust that many of you will be able to attend the meetings.

Many decisions were made by the board which we feel will greatly aid the work of SMM in the new year. We thank the Lord for His guidance and direction.

Notices!

PATRONESSES—

All patronesses should have received a letter from the national executive board concerning the financial situation of SMM. If you did not receive one, you may obtain a copy by writing our president, Joyce Ashman.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SMM!

We trust that each SMM will plan a special day, program, banquet, or something similar to celebrate another year in SMM. Don't forget that the Birthday Offering is due May 10. Let's see if we can go over our goal!

AWARDS

Any past awards which have not been received may be obtained by ordering them from our literature secretary, Carolyn Peters.

PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Thank the Lord for the decisions that were made at the midwinter executive board meetings.

2. Pray for the financial need of SMM. There are many bills which must be paid.

3. Pray that the Lord will bless in the last meetings of this year. May each girl glorify God in everything she says and does.

Suggested Program for May

Bible Study

"Girls Glorifying God . . . in Sickness"

Mission Study

"Around the World for Christ . . . in Africa"
by Miss Mary Beth Munn

Memory Verse

Junior—Psalm 34:19
Middler—Hebrews 4:15-16
Senior—Hebrews 4:15-16

DATELINE



MEMBER EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION

BUENA VISTA, VA. The First Brethren Church, Edward Lewis, pastor, enjoyed a successful father and son banquet Mar. 26. Dr. Russell Barnard was the special speaker.

NORTH ENGLISH, IOWA. The Sisterhood of Mary and Martha and the Boy's Club conducted the evening service at Pleasant Grove Grace Brethren Church, Mar. 25. Robert Whited, pastor.

WARSAW, IND. Louis Goldberg, a Hebrew Christian, was the guest speaker at the Community Grace Brethren Church Mar. 11. Charles R. Taber is the pastor.

NEW TROY, MICH. The New Troy Brethren Church was host to the District Youth Rally Mar. 23-24. There were 97 people in attendance at the banquet on Saturday. Featured during the weekend were the Youth Evangelism Team with Dave Hocking as speaker and the film "The Great Light."

SOUTH BEND, IND. The Indiana District Laymen's meeting was held Mar. 31 at the Ireland Road Brethren Church.

LANSING, MICH. Special Easter services are planned for the Grace Brethren Church here. Rev. Ralph Hall, Brethren Home Mission's architectural engineer, will be the guest speaker.

ELKHART, IND. Gordon W. Bracker, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church here, reports that he is able to secure clergyman's income tax worksheets for ten cents each. If interested, correspond with him.

RITTMAN, OHIO. Charles Turner, pastor of First Brethren Church, reports that 250 were in attendance during the evening service Mar. 11. A series of pictures taken on his recent Holy Land trip were shown by Brother Turner.

DAVENPORT, IOWA. The new Iowa district mission church will be dedicated Saturday, Apr. 14. Carl Key, pastor, of the new Grace Brethren Church, will be ordained to the Brethren ministry during the dedication service. John Aeby will be the guest speaker.

DALLAS CENTER, IOWA. Iowa district overnight "Sports-a-rama" youth rally will be held at the First Brethren Church Apr. 27-28. Forrest Jackson will be the host pastor.

WINONA LAKE, IND. Arnold R. Kriegbaum, dean of men at Grace College, assisted by the Heralds of Grace quartet, will be traveling in behalf of Grace College during June and July. The team will hold services in most of the Brethren churches in California and Washington. They will also visit some of the churches in Iowa and Indiana.

CHANGE: The new telephone number of Emlyn H. Jones is TUrner 98695. Please change Annual.

TROY, OHIO. The Grace Brethren Church, Herman Hein, pastor, announces record-breaking prayer meeting attendances two weeks in a row. There were 73 present on Mar. 14, and 81 on Mar. 21.

CLAYTON, OHIO. The Southern Ohio District WMC rally was held at the Clayton Brethren Church Mar. 27. The guest speaker was Miss Elizabeth Tyson, retired Brethren missionary who served in Africa for 38 years. Richard Sellers was host pastor.

ALEXANDRIA, VA. John J. Burns, pastor of Commonwealth Avenue Brethren Church announces record-breaking attendance of 300 in Sunday school and 304 in the morning worship services Mar. 25. Brother Burns also reports that plans are under way and ground will be broken early this year for a much needed educational building.

FLORA, IND. R. I. Humberd returned from an extensive trip out West during December to March. He spoke at Western Baptist College in El Cerrito, Calif.; Paramount Brethren High School; Bible Institute of Los Angeles; Arizona Bible Institute; Southern Bible School in Dallas, Tex.; Le Tourneau College in Longview, Tex.; and the Pacific Garden Mission in Chicago.

CAMDEN, OHIO. Rev. Clyde Landrum and the Nelson Fay family will be conducting a missionary rally at the First Brethren Church May 11-13. Frank H. Gardner, pastor.

HOLLINS, VA. The Patterson Memorial Brethren Church has had an average attendance of 215 in Sunday school during the month of March. William Byers is pastor.

WAYNESBORO, PA. Thirty people were baptized at First Brethren Church Mar. 18. Thirty-one new members were added within a month. Robert D. Crees, pastor.

WINONA LAKE, IND. Wayne Guthrie, Missionary Herald accountant, will be accompanying the 1961 National Championship Quiz Team to Puerto Rico Apr. 14-21.

ENDS EARTHLY PILGRIMAGE

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

HUNGATE, Mrs. Ruth, 50, went to be with the Lord very suddenly Mar. 4. She had been a faithful member and friend of the Grace Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Md. from the days of its earliest formation.

Warren E. Tamkin, pastor

HINES, Mrs. Winifred, 60, passed from this life to her heavenly home Feb. 27. She was an active member of the First Brethren Church, Clay City, Ind. Funeral services were conducted by the pastor.

R. L. Rossman, pastor

Wedding Bells

Announcements in this column are published when sent in by a pastor.

Marilyn Denise Gravelle and Claude Ellis, Jr., Mar. 10 at the First Brethren Church, Cheyenne, Wyo.

Betty Spradlin and Jim Kyker, Apr. 7, at the Sidney Brethren Church, Sidney, Ind.

A Snowy Youth Rally at Beaumont, California

It seldom snows in Southern California, except in the mountains. Usually one may depend upon sunny skies and balmy weather the year around.

A hike and volley ball were on the program for the weekend youth rally held March 9 and 10 at the Cherry Valley Brethren Church, but the weather man had something else in store. At six o'clock Friday evening it began to snow, and within fifteen minutes the ground was completely covered. Pastor and Mrs. Kent, both easterners, reported that they never saw snow come down any faster in their lives! By the time the rally was to begin, cars were in ditches, the snow was in drifts, and ice was forming under foot. California can produce unusual weather when it tries.



Snow scene at the church

In spite of the snow, one by one the young people arrived. They came from as far as Calexico and Tijuana —150 miles away. Some of the Mexican youth had scarcely ever seen snow before. Thus it was a thrilling experience for them, as well as for all these young people from the golden land of sunshine.

Approximately one hundred youth attended the rally with lodging provided by the Cherry Valley people. Breakfast and lunch were provided at the church. Speakers were Wes Hardy, teacher at Brethren High School in Long Beach, and Javier Peraza, Mexican pastor at Calexico. Churches participating were: Cherry Valley, San Diego, Calexico, Tijuana, Montclair, Rialto, San Bernardino, and La Verne.

The rally featured—in addition to impromptu snowball fights and face-washings—Bible baseball, special music from the Mexican youth, stunts, and devotional messages.

This was the second rally this winter among these churches which are somewhat removed from the activities of the Long Beach area. The last was held in San Bernardino.



Group assembled for the rally

Morning Victory

I heard the voice of my Lord today,
As He bid me arise from my bed to pray;
The words He had spoken in Gethsemane
To sleepy-eyed Peter, now came to me:
"Could ye not watch with me for one hour?"

The sky was yet dark as I lay in my bed;
The labors of yesterday made me as lead:
But I knew in my soul of revival's need,
And the voice of my Saviour seemed to plead:
"Could ye not watch with me for one hour?"

But Satan spoke, too, in that early morn,
And my soul betwixt two desires was torn:
Shall I rest my tired body, or get us to pray?
It was then the Lord Jesus seemed clearly to say:
"Could ye not watch with me for one hour?"

The right choice was plain, but I had not the power
To rise and to pray in that chill morning hour;
So I asked for the Spirit to take control:
Then my body was strengthened, and so was my soul,
As I watched with my Lord for [illegible] hour.

Anonymous

The Old Church Prayer Meeting

BY H. S. MILLER

The good old-time church prayer meeting with emphasis on "church," and double emphasis on "prayer," how rare! How we miss it, how the church misses it, how God misses it! What a loss to the individual, the church, the country, the world! The uttermost part of the earth feels the effect of a prayer meeting, a real one.

Of course we understand that Christ, the real, living Christ, is the life of the individual and of the church (Col. 3:4; Gal. 2:20; John 14:6); yet there is a real sense in which the prayer meeting is the life, the pulse, of the church; it surely is an evidence, a proof, of life. A dead church means a dead prayer meeting, or none at all; and a dead prayer meeting means a dead church; it works both ways.

A prayer meeting is a meeting for and of prayer. A church prayer meeting is a prayer meeting in which the church is busy in prayer. A church which cannot spend at least one hour a week on its knees in prayer is not worthy of the name.

"How did you like our prayer meeting?"

"Your what?"

"Our prayer meeting."

"When?"

"Last night."

"Where?"

"At our church."

"Why ask me? I attended no prayer meeting last night."

"Yes you did; you were there; I saw you."

"Yes, I attended a meeting at your church last night, but I do not know by what stretch of imagination you could possibly call it a prayer meeting. There was one prayer at the beginning, a few weak words in the form of prayer in the middle, and the benediction at the end. The pastor gave a half-hour rambling lecture, two or three men gave some dry-as-dust comments, you sang three or four songs, and that was all. Call that a prayer meeting?"

"Well, that was our weekly prayer meeting."

"Weakly enough, to be sure. And by the way, did I not hear you a short time ago wondering what is the matter with your church? Here is your answer, a large part of it at least: You have no church prayer meeting."

"Come over to our church tonight," said a pastor, "and give us a prayer meeting talk."

"I will not."

"Why not?"

"I do not believe in prayer meeting talks. And listen, brother, if your church has a real prayer meeting, as you should have to be a normal church, you would have no time for prayer meeting talks."

"Well, come and lead our prayer meeting some night."

"All right, I will come soon; but when I do come it will be a real prayer meeting or nothing."

"What do you mean by a 'real prayer meeting'; nothing but prayer?"

"Correct."

"Then I fear it will be nothing; our people do not pray much; but come; perhaps I can learn something."

I went. The preacher sat in the audience and said that he would do nothing except as indicated; perhaps he would not say a word (and he did not). The attendance was small, not over twenty. A few more straggled in later. We sang two good songs; then I gave a prayer promise from the Word, and spent not over a minute opening it up. Then I said: "Now this is your church prayer meeting; that is what it is for—prayer—and we shall use it for prayer. I am not here to talk to you; that is your pastor's Sunday job; I am here to get you to talk to Father. You are interested in your church, your friends, and neighbors, the Lord's work, yourselves; now I want three, just three, requests for prayer."

"As I expected, there was a pause, and not a short one, either. The people were not used to a thing like this. But I was determined to persevere. A few words of encouragement, now and then, but the rest was silence. Then we had one timid request, by-and-by another, then another. Then I repeated the three requests and said: "Now we will kneel and definitely take these requests, and anything else you may have on your hearts, to Father, and expect Him to answer. I want no more than three prayers."

We knelt, and with some pauses, we gradually got the three prayers. Then we arose, sang a hymn, gave another prayer promise, and asked for three more definite requests. These came a bit more readily, as did the three prayers that followed. Another song, and I saw that the time was far gone. "Have you any further requests for prayer?"

The people had begun to wake up and see what it was all about, and the requests came in, a half-dozen or more, before I could stop them. Then we knelt, and you should have heard those folks pray! The meeting ran fifteen minutes over time; I could not stop it. At the close the pastor rushed up and said: "I'm surprised, astonished, dumbfounded, and thoroughly ashamed of myself. I did not dream that my people could and would pray like that."

"Poor creatures, they acted like a bunch of starved sheep; how they did pitch in when they saw things. I suppose you never gave them a chance; you thought you had to do all the talking."

"Well, I am through. No more 'prayer meeting talks' in my church. Henceforth it shall be a *church* prayer meeting. My people shall have a chance."

Three months later I met this good brother. "Say, I want you to visit our prayer meeting. To me it is the greatest place in the world. The attendance has multiplied by four, and there is intense interest. We have had to add fifteen minutes to each end of the hour, and even now we do not have time enough. The people are interested in bringing requests and watching the answers, interested in each other to a greater extent than ever before, interested in the unsaved. Our Sunday evening audiences are increasing, and we are having conversions right along. The people are asking for a Friday night Bible study. I am the happiest man in the state."

"How about giving you a prayer meeting talk some night?"

"No, sir, it cannot be done. You had your chance once, and you turned it down, thank the Lord. You will never have another chance in my church. We have no time for such now; we are too busy praying."

"Too busy praying!" do you get that? Doesn't it sound good? Let me repeat it, "Too busy praying." Too busy even for a prayer meeting talk. We wonder how many churches can say that.

Yes; we are busy enough. The church is very busy these days; busy with lecture courses, bazaars, festivals, worldly entertainment, and amusements, busy with all sorts of fleshly effort, busy desecrating the house of God—busy and dead. When we become "too busy praying" to have time or desire for these other things, then something will happen.

Show me a church full of people on their knees before God for an hour or two at least once a week, and I will show you a church that is doing business for God—a church whose people are alive, calm, trustful, joyful, peaceful, and restful—and oh, how this is needed in these troublous times! A praying church is a Bible-loving church, a working church, a soul-winning church, a fruit-bearing church; it is a real church, not an entertainment bureau nor a restaurant.

"I can scarcely wait till our church prayer meeting night comes"

"O dear me, it is prayer meeting night again, and I suppose I must go." Brother, there is something terribly wrong, either with you or with the prayer meeting when you talk like that. I grant you that there are some so-called prayer meetings which it is a cross to attend, but it is a delight to attend a real one.

"I can scarcely wait till our church prayer meeting night comes." That is normal.

How About It?

This may be our last year on this old earth! Surely our Lord's coming is very near. How about it, Christian, will you be spending the last year on earth faithful to God in the matter of prayer? Will you be found in His house every prayer meeting night praying for yourself and for lost souls? We trust that you will. Make a start by attending this week.

Over the Teacup—

BOREDOM

By Catherine Cattell

You have no idea how glad I am to see you today! Come in, and bring your boots inside. I have a fireplace now and there is a bright fire in it. I've wanted someone to share its warmth and glow with me. And here you are!

Tell me, do you ever feel bored? The other day a friend called me up and said she was so bored she couldn't stand not to go somewhere or do something exciting. We thought of this and that and ended up at her house for tea with French cookies baked for Christmas. We had a lovely time, but the conversation drifted to boredom and both households heard the discussion. The next day someone else came around saying: "What can we do? I'm so bored."

And so I began thinking about this disease that attacks busy people the moment they stop being busy. I have discovered it is very "catching" and is most likely to occur during moments of leisure or vacation. It is a weariness which comes from tedious irritations or dullness, Webster says.

I wondered to myself if I had ever heard this feeling expressed by women of other countries and at first I thought not, but then I remembered the purdah women of India. Some of these women were educated in western schools and knew activity, and the vigor and joy of work to do and world's to explore by book and travel. They knew the stimulation of great minds and interesting associates. Now they were queens behind walls—served in every way by maids and messengers. They lived the life of Queen Esther whose only obvious purpose was to live to please the King, her lord. This was all that was required of her.

Once I called in a home of an official in a remote Indian city. This meant, of course, that I was taken inside to the ladies quarters where the two wives were doing their best to entertain. The first wife called the maid and ordered her to summon the chauffeur. He drove up, backing the seven-seated car to the entrance. The curtain between the front seat and the back hid him from view—but more especially hid the ladies from his view. There were curtains at all the windows through which we could see but dimly unless we peeked around them, which we all did! The conversation went like this:

First wife: "My husband loves me very much."

Second wife: "My husband loves me very much." (This was the same husband, I remembered).

First wife: "My husband bought me a beautiful sari when he was in Bombay."

Second wife: "My husband bought me a beautiful sari in Bombay!"

First wife: "My husband takes me riding every evening."

Second wife: "My husband takes me riding every evening."

First wife: "Our children love me very much." (She had none of her own).

Second wife, the mother: "Our children love me very, very much."

The exciting conversation went on and on, but I'll spare you further examples of ditto remarks of each trying to impress me with her rank in the home. I might have been bored, but I wasn't. It was too obvious that they *were*, and my heart ached for them in all their luxury and fine silk saris and chauffeured cars. Village women were not bored. They were far too busy in the daily struggle to keep themselves and their families alive. Life was too real and earnest for boredom.

Queen Esther was not bored, I am quite sure. She had a nation to save. Everything depended on her and how she managed her part. Somehow she and God were too deeply involved in the deliverance of helpless millions. Oh, I know, like my friend who had borne too much for too long, we do need a change and something to brighten up dullness now and then, but the epidemic of boredom in America is a bad sign. Nowhere is there more of everything except contentment and enthusiasm.

I like to look at it this way: Linked to God in a very real and eternal kind of way, we live on the verge of miracle and amazing surprise all the time. His concerns are so far reaching and involve such tremendous destinies that anyone who is filled with the fullness of God has little time for dullness. We have a part in liberation as well.

Actually the solution is a pen and paper—writing to someone who is lonely—or some other little act of kindness for those who have had more experience with dullness than you have had—who have less to cheer and brighten their days. This sort of thing is just as "catching" and a very much pleasanter kind of epidemic. A mother can work with God for her family, home, church, neighbors, and through missions to the ends of the earth. If only we could somehow lift our vision from duty and dullness to the marvelous privilege of cooperating with God for glorious ends!

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Along the Bible Way

THE GIVING OF THE LAW

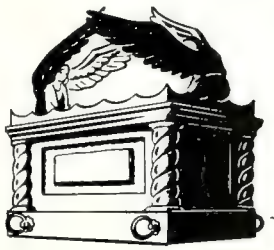
ON THE TOP OF MT. SINAI, IN THE MIDST OF FIRE AND SMOKE, GOD GAVE MOSES *"TWO TABLES OF STONE, WRITTEN WITH THE FINGER OF GOD."* (DEUT 9:10)





ON THESE TABLES WERE THE TEN COMMANDMENTS, LISTED IN EXODUS 20

What happened to the stone tables?

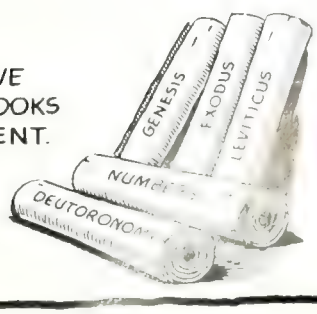


THEY WERE PLACED IN THE BEAUTIFUL ARK OF THE COVENANT AND CARRIED FOR FORTY YEARS AS THE ISRAELITES WANDERED IN THE WILDERNESS. CENTURIES LATER, KING SOLOMON BUILT A PERMANENT TEMPLE AND MOVED THE ARK INTO THE MOST HOLY PLACE.

SOLOMON'S FABULOUS TEMPLE WAS DESTROYED BY THE BABYLONIANS 586 YEARS BEFORE CHRIST, AND THE STONE TABLES DISAPPEARED.

HUBARTT

MOSES ALSO GAVE US THE FIRST FIVE BOOKS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT. THEY ARE CALLED "THE PENTATEUCH."



Compiled by Dave Hocking, National Youth Director

Youth Page

...of the Brethren Youth Council

USED BY CHRIST!

Paul Sundstrom, a senior at Long Beach State College, and a member of the First Brethren Church of Long Beach, California, tells us of what is happening on his campus as a result of a vision the Lord has given him and several other students.

Through a Campus Crusade Leadership Training class, these select few students began to be impressed with the need of reaching today's youth on the campus for Christ. Dave Benson, who works with Campus Crusade, delivered a series of lectures to them for one week, speaking on the threat of communism and the answer to that threat in our Lord Jesus Christ. Each day there was an average of 120 to 150 students who heard these lectures. No immediate results were evident. After the meetings were over, they continued the training class among these burdened Christians. Here is a part of the letter which Paul writes in view of this:



Paul Sundstrom

"After the meetings ended, we continued our training class. There we shared the witnessing experiences we had during the week. We began to realize that God doesn't deal with great numbers of people at one time, but He deals with individuals on a personal level. The college campus is the greatest mission field in the world and it takes the Christian student who is willing to let the Holy Spirit work through him to win these on the campus. We began to realize that Christians have too little faith in that power they possess as Christians. They are as soldiers, dressed and armed for a battle that has already been won, sitting by the roadside crying out that they are beaten. We discovered that God could use us to lead other students to Christ if we would let Him. We found that we had little to hold back or be afraid of. Many students wanted to know about Christ just as if they had never heard about Him before. Before we were vessels which were filled with the power of Christ, but the lids were closed and nothing could be poured from our hearts. Now we know what it is like to be used by Christ."

Pray for our college students across America!

PRAYER REQUEST

Our 1961 National Championship Quiz Team will be leaving this weekend for Puerto Rico to visit our Brethren missionaries in that country. The young people will be staying in Puerto Rico for a week and will then be flying back to Indiana. Please pray for these young people that the Lord might richly bless them and challenge their hearts with the needs of the field.

FINAL YOUTH RALLIES

Many of our districts in The Brethren Church are holding their final youth rallies this month in preparation for our National Youth Conference this August in Winona Lake, Indiana. Many of the young people are competing in our National Achievement Competition program each week and are looking forward to winning in their district at the spring rallies this month. Scholarships to Grace College are awarded to the winners of music and speech contests.

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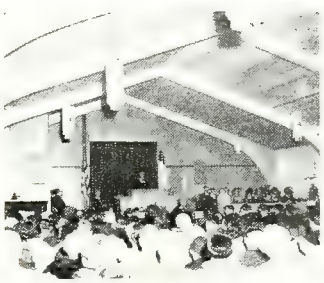
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Rev. William E. Howard, pastor of the Gay Street Grace Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Maryland, welcoming the 337 members, friends, and Brethren from the Mid-Atlantic district on dedication Sunday, March 11, 1962.

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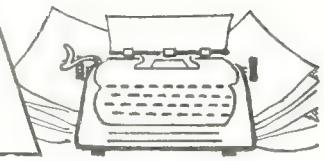
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Editorials

By L. L. Grubb



World's Richest Church Seeks Government Subsidy

This was the title of an article in *Church and State* magazine recently in which some startling figures were given on the wealth of the Roman Catholic Church.

It is estimated that the Roman Catholic Church owns at least $11 billion worth of tax exempt property in the United States. In addition to this there are all sorts of land projects and businesses owned directly or indirectly and some operated by the Church. Some of these enjoy a great advantage over their commercial competitors because they are exempt from the Federal corporate profits tax.

Washington, D. C. citizens recently learned with some interest of a new $75 million housing project in the area of Foggy Bottom, a large urban renewal area. Societa Generale Immobiliare of Rome, Italy, which has already built a $4.4 million cooperative apartment building in the area, is planning this new subdivision and paying for it from its own cash reserves without borrowing. Washington real estate men agreed that this new Vatican project would prove to be "a financial bonanza." News now comes that this same Catholic organization, owned by the Vatican, is planning to build the largest office building in North America, the "Place Victoria," in Montreal, three fifty-one story towers with six underground levels at a cost of hundreds of millions of dollars.

The records show that there are 607 Roman Catholic religious orders in the United States. There may be some in excess of this number. There are 210 Catholic colleges, many of which are operated by religious orders. The Catholic hospital association lists the current value of its hospitals at not less than $1,500,000,000. The annual operating budgets of these hospitals are $750,000,000.

Not the least of Rome's resources is the Catholic press. It lists 581 publications with a readership of 25 million. The *Catholic Digest* alone claims to gross $5 million annually.

One trade journal suggests that the annual dollar value of construction of Roman Catholic schools, colleges, hospitals, and churches (in that order) is about $1.75 billion. This means that the value of the Church's properties is being increased by this amount annually.

In addition to all of this extensive wealth and more that could not be listed, we must consider the dollar-producing potential of the Roman Catholic Church. A short time ago Cardinal Spellman launched a drive for $25 million to build parochial schools in New York. He got almost $40 million. The week by week requirements in giving, the masses and other religious ceremonies and activities, which demand some financial response, represent a potential which is unbelievable in its magnitude.

All in all, the Roman Catholic Church with all of its religious, financial, and educational arms rivals the United States Government as one of the biggest businesses in our Nation.

Yet we read such questions as this coming from the pen of a Jesuit editor: "Will Catholics, in the words of an old song, have to 'tote that barge, lift that bale' unaided, or will they get a little help when the Federal Government begins to help pay for United States education?" (*America*, December 2, 1961 issue.) We have been told frequently by leading Catholic clergymen that if the Government does not assist in Catholic education, this will mean the "end" of the Catholic schools. Pleas of poverty are constantly advanced to support the Church's claim for Government subsidy.

One Washington spokesman said concerning the Catholic appeal for tax funds, "It has always seemed strange to me that the richest church in the world should put on pressure for Government money. If the Government is going to help churches, it ought to help some of these little struggling churches that really need it."

But, this is exactly what the Roman Catholic Church does not want. So far its mammoth organization has been able to surpass the largest Protestant denominations in all areas of expansion. There is no forseeable end to this unless Protestants arouse themselves to the fact that the threat of Roman Catholicism is just as real as the threat of Communism. In some respects it is more dangerous because it parades under the garb of Bible language and is a charitable organization. Also it opposes the communist philosophy. The laws of the Inquisition are still in the archives of Rome. They could be applied today just as they were centuries ago. As far as the Church of Jesus Christ is concerned, the net result of control from either communism or Roman Catholicism would be the same-bloody persecution and an attempt at obliteration.

These facts and figures should be a strong stimulus for God's people to increase greatly the church extension program of all Bible-believing churches. We cannot expect to match the financial power of the Roman Catholic hierarchy. But we can establish churches where faithful pastors preach the Gospel and the power of prayer is at work through the saints. This power is greater than any man or organization can generate, financial or otherwise.

May God grant that American Christians shall arouse themselves to this menace against our Christian liberty and do something about it.

The *Church and State* magazine and its editor, Dr. Glenn Archer, are to be commended for presenting this clear information about Roman Catholicism, which usually is not known even by the rank and file of Catholics.



Gay Street Grace Brethren Church

God Opens the Door in Hagerstown

"Behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it" (Rev. 3:8). Yes; we people of the Gay Street Brethren Church have just walked over the threshold of a door that God has opened for us.

Four years ago in Roanoke, Virginia, I received a phone call from a group of Brethren in Hagerstown, Maryland. The voice on the other end wanted to know if I would be interested in candidating at a new mission point. After a few questions, explanations, and a lot of silent prayer, we answered, "Yes."

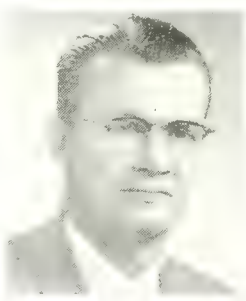
Upon our arrival at Hagerstown we found lots of ice, snow, and cold weather, but a warm friendly people. One family invited us to stay in their home, and during this stay, a number of trips were taken over the potential areas. We saw lots of brand new homes in an entirely new section, and some older homes in the more settled areas.

We preached for these people in a very well kept former laundry building. It was cleaned and painted, and furnished like a church. The people had a vision for a church, and God seemed to be saying to the writer: "Build Me a church, here." We accepted the call from God and the people, and went to work. Our attendance grew, and we reached the peak of around 130. God was still saying: "build Me a church here."

Our growing stopped, and we lost a few members and some good prospects. Young couples would seem to be real interested, and then they would lose interest. One day, some good friends told us: "It's your old building; your prospects have turned to newer churches." We checked and found it to be true. Unsaved young couples with a new baby, new home, new furniture, new clothes are not interested in an old building that has no real church appearance. The older Christians loved the place, but we could not compete with five brand new churches around us.

We wanted to build, but doubtful and a little afraid; we just got on our knees and prayed. God gave us a strong answer: "Build up, or close up."

The pastor was authorized and directed to contact The Brethren Home Missions Council, Inc., and explain our need. Dr. L. L. Grubb met with the church and the pastors of the district, as well as with Rev. Lester E. Pifer. Finally, we received those words that seemed so long in coming: "O.K., find some land," Dr. Grubb said.



By Rev. William E. Howard, pastor

One block north of our present building was two acres of ground on Gay Street. After much phoning, and enquiring we located the man who owned it. He was going to build a home, but in clearing the ground he had a heart attack. At first he would not sell, but said he would come to see us on the land the next day. We met but he didn't look too happy. "Will you sell?" "Yes." Then the question, "How much?" "$4,500." As our trustees talked, the pastor walked away and talked it over with the Lord —"How much Lord?" and the Lord seemed to say, "$4,000." We went back and explained this was a mission church, for the community, and so forth. "Would you take $4,000?" Again, "Yes."

As we closed the deal, the Roman Catholic landowner said: "You know, I didn't sell you that ground, I had no intention of doing so, and most certainly did not intend to drop my price—it was the Lord who said yes through my mouth." *God opened the door.*

God Opens the Second Door—We did not feel that we could ever build a church unless Home Missions assisted and the construction crew would do the building.

The crew could not build for us as they had been committed elsewhere. Our head trustee was experienced in building five other churches, so he

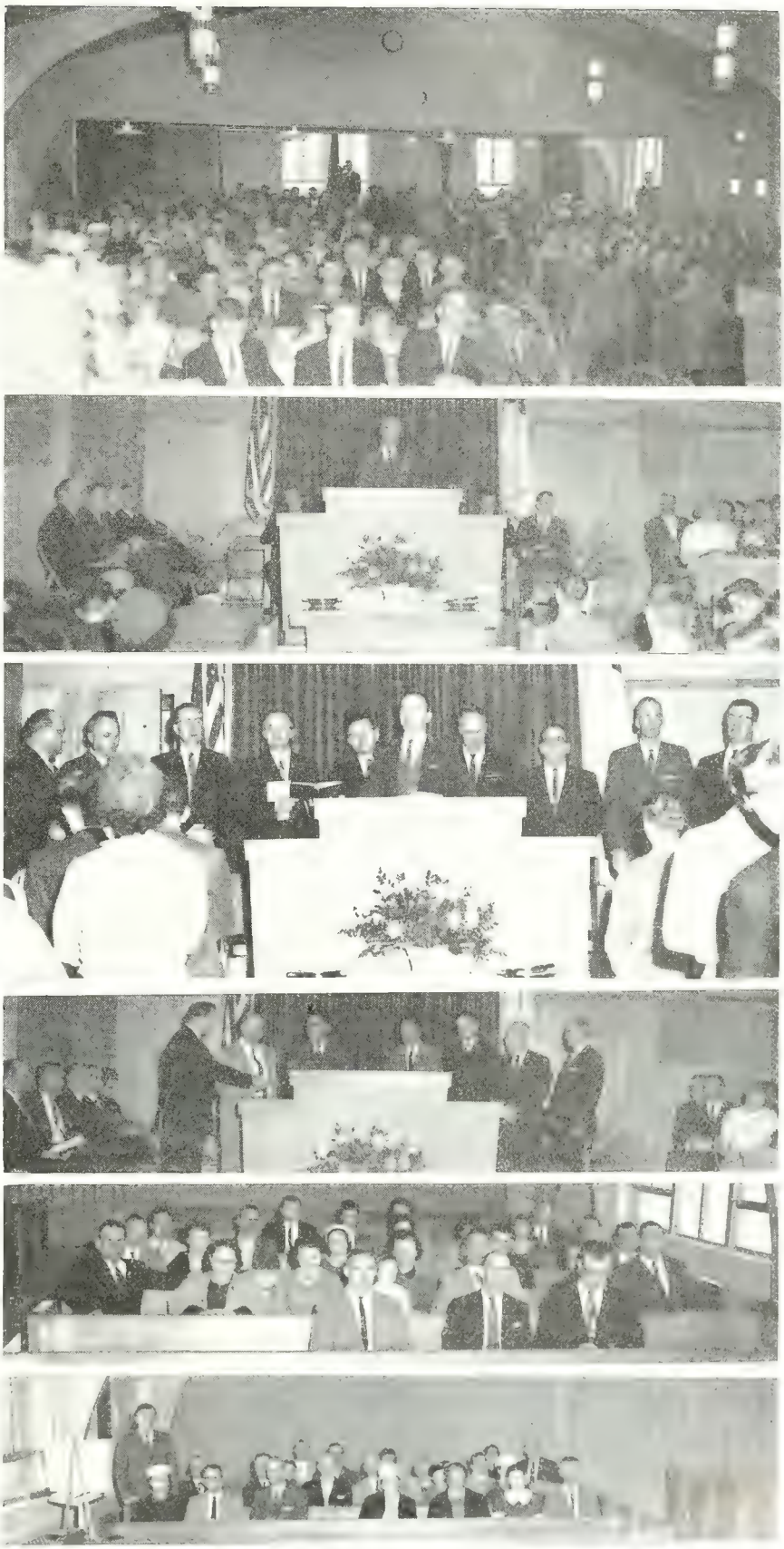
started to look for contractors. The first one scared us to death with an $80,000 bid. We prayed some more. Then one day the call came, "You can have the crew."

Soon Don Sellers, foreman of the Brethren construction crew, came on the field to visit, met with our men, found trailer space, and met managers of the supply houses. Later the Sturgills arrived one evening about 10:00 p.m. with their usual "Howdy," Tennessee style. Ray set up his trailer and went to work. Then up on the hill, survey work, setting up forms, pouring concrete—and if you wanted to help, just stand around for a few minutes, there was always a shovel, hammer, or something to fit your hand. The Bert Jordans pulled in and in no time at all we knew some folk from Pennsylvania. Always a pleasant smile—a good funny story—a trick or two—and a hard-working construction man. The Lester Keysers were the last to arrive. We spent some happy times discussing God's Word together with these folks. The Lord must have given Lester Keyser, the finish carpenter, private lessons on the hammer and saw. Our church shows it. The construction crew preached for us, spoke at the mission, spoke at other churches, and brought real spiritual blessings to our church that will never be forgotten. Our folks really loved them.

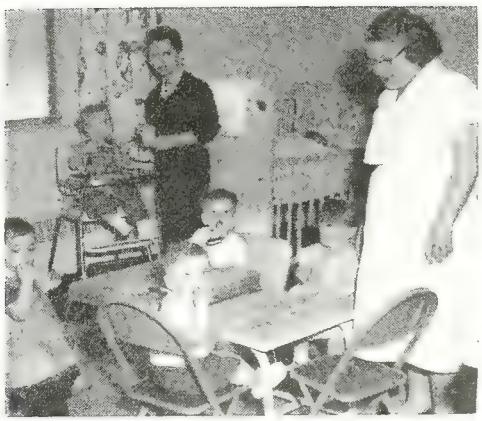
God Opens the Third Door—God opened the door into this brand new building. What a thrill it is to walk into this beautiful building and say: "Thank you Lord Jesus for our brand new church."

Our church building is 40'x80', with a side annex 30'x30'. We can seat 180 in the auditorium in twenty-two pews. There are eight classrooms in back separated by folding doors. We have two adult classes in the auditorium, a youth class behind the pulpit, a Sunday school office, a nice study for the pastor, and room for the cradle roll department (a dream room). The building is almost full already.

God has blessed us with friends: Grace and Calvary Brethren Churches have been a real help to us. The pastors of our district prayed for us and were always dropping by



Top down: Dedication Day capacity crowd. Dedication speaker, Ralph C. Hall. District pastors, Irvin Miller, Jack Peters, James Dixon, Robert Crees, John Burns. Song leader Howard Stickler, Paul Dick, Warren Tamkin, speaker Ralph Hall, and host pastor William Howard. Lester Pifer presenting the keys for the new building. Young adult Sunday School class, William Howard teacher. Older adult class, Ray Shirey, teacher.









and encouraging us in the work. Through the district mission board these pastors and churches of the district helped financially in a very commendable way. The Brethren Home Missions Council, Inc., kept us on the alert by calling, writing, and personal visits by the Council representatives. The Hagerstown newspaper was very friendly, and gave us a total of five write-ups on the project resulting in a number of new families coming to our church.

Dedication Day—That great big day we had dreamed, prayed, and almost feared finally came. The church was filled with 327 people. Our offering of $1,663 was received and how the Lord did bless. Pastors and people from all Mid-Atlantic churches and neighbors were here.

Rev. Ralph. C. Hall, a former pastor and now the Home Missions Council architect, did a wonderful job in planning and arranging our beautiful edifice. He was chosen for the dedication speaker and brought a most helpful and challenging dedication message. Our revival meeting started the day of dedication with Rev. Lester Pifer. Every night there were decisions. Sunday, March 18 our church was well attended, and seven people walked down the aisle to make decisions for the Lord. At the evening service another good crowd filled the church and more decisions for Christ.

God is opening more doors than we expected. Already our folk are asking for a visitation night each week to call on prospects, and to invite people to our new church.

We want to express to the entire Brotherhood our heartfelt appreciation to each one of you for your many gifts to home missions, investments in the Brethren Investment Foundation and continual prayers that has made another home mission church possible. We would like for you donors to feel that wherever you are, you too are helping to preach the Gospel here in Hagerstown. May God bless you all!

Top down: Nursery department, Mrs. Waldo Stouffer, superintendent; nursery, kindergarten, primary departments with teachers, Miss Judy Stickler, Mrs. Howard Stickler, Jr., Mrs. Danny Rice, and Mrs. G. Cavanaugh. Juniors with Mrs. William Howard, teacher, and Mrs. Harold Clark, assistant, and the young people with Mrs. Howard Stickler, Sr.

ISRAEL CALLS!

From Sorrow to Joy

By Miss Isobel Fraser

"And the Jews undertook to do as they had begun, and as Mordecai had written unto them; because Haman the son of Hammedatha, the Agagite, the enemy of all the Jews, had devised against the Jews to destroy them, and had cast Pur, that is, the lot, to consume them, and to destroy them; but when *Esther* came before the king, he commanded by letters that his wicked device, which he devised against the Jews, should return upon his own head, and that he and his sons should be hanged on the gallows. Wherefore they called these days Purim after the name of Pur. Therefore for all the words of this letter, and of that which they had seen concerning this matter, and which had come unto them, the Jews ordained, and took upon them, and upon their seed, and upon all such as joined themselves unto them, so as it should not fail, that they would keep these two days according to their writing, and according to their appointed time every year" (Esther 9:23-27).

Today is the fourteenth of Adar (according to our calendar the twentieth of March), which in accordance with the above Scripture the Jewish people to this day observe as the Fast of Esther. Tomorrow will be the Feast of Purim. In the synagogue the Megilla (Book of Esther) will be read and each time the name of Haman is mentioned the children will use noisemakers as an expression of their distaste and ridicule toward this ancient enemy. Though in the fast they remember their sufferings and fears, in the festival they remember the deliverance by God through Mordecai and Esther. At this occasion there is the giving of gifts, masquerades, carnivals, and much feasting. One of the delicacies especially associated with this season is Hamantashen (Haman's ears), which is a triangular pastry, similar to a tart, filled with sweetened poppy seeds or fruit jam. Tradition says it is three-cornered in the shape of Haman's hat, but actually it is the replica of the hat of the medieval policeman or soldier who also were tyrants to the Jews.

Subsequent history has produced other Hamans; in our own day, such were Hitler and Eichmann. The Eichmann trial has given us an insight into some of the atrocities perpetrated by these men, but we can never really grasp the awfulness of what actually happened. At one of our recent Monday discussion groups we heard by tape the testimony of John Noble, an American who was a prisoner of the Communists. As we listened to his account of the inhuman treatment he received, my gaze frequently went to Mrs. F—. This Jewess is one of those who survived the horrors of the Nazi concentration camps. She nodded knowingly as he described his treatment. As he spoke I recalled some of her experiences that she had shared with us. Because I knew its effect on me, what feelings must she have felt anew!

No wonder that Jews of America are concerned about the Nazi party here in America and the activities of its outspoken proponent, George Lincoln Rockwell. The Jewish people know what these teachings have wrought upon the Jewish people all over Europe and what it cost America in World War II, especially in the lives of her sons. They have much justification in questioning the right of this group to propagate its hate teachings. Rockwell has been scheduled to speak on one of the controversial television programs here in Los Angeles. I was interested in hearing just what he had to say, but at the last minute the station cancelled his appearance. Rockwell then picketed the station and the announcer in particular, and labeled him a Communist because he had been barred from the program.

Several days later I was discussing this episode with an orthodox Jewish friend. She told me again of how her husband's entire family had been wiped out in the Nazi persecution. She also mentioned that perhaps one reason for the cancellation was the protests of the Jewish people in Los Angeles. My first reaction was to question their doing this, but a more careful consideration has caused me to change my mind. We certainly know what Nazism stands for and what it accomplishes; therefore we should not give this man an opportunity to propagate his hate doctrines, which by the way, are also directed against the negro and other groups. There is a genuine need for concern, for anti-Semitism appears to be on the upgrade in America. In recent years there have been a number of reports of the defacing of Jewish synagogues and temples. Even in our own neighborhood recently the swastika has been burned into the lawns of Jewish people.

Several weeks ago one of our Hebrew Christians showed me an article in one of our newspapers entitled "Anti-Semitic Roots in Christianity." The basis for this article was the book, *Has Anti-Semitism Roots in Christianity?* written in French by Professor Jules Isaacs, but now also translated into English. Louis Cassels, the writer of the article, says that Professor Isaacs does not direct his criticism at true Christianity, which he says "excludes anti-Semitism," but at the distorted picture of the crucifixion planted in Christian minds.

On this score I am going to have to agree with Professor Isaacs. If the average Christian, *yes even Brethren,* were asked who was responsible for the crucifixion of Jesus, the answer would be "the Jews." Is this what the Bible teaches? Before you read any further in this article, will you please turn to your Bible and read Mark 14:53-65 and then Mark 15:1-20. The first Scripture tells the Jewish condemnation; the second, records the gentile participation. Pilate knew Jesus was innocent and yet he, a judge, delivered him to be put to death and thought to exonerate himself of this innocent blood by washing his hands. Who scourged our Lord? Who pressed the platted crown of thorns on the precious head? Who mocked, smote, and spat upon Him? Who did the actual nailing of Him to the cross? The answer, of course, is *the gentiles!* From these two records we can readily see that the Lord Christ was handled alike by both gentile and Jew.

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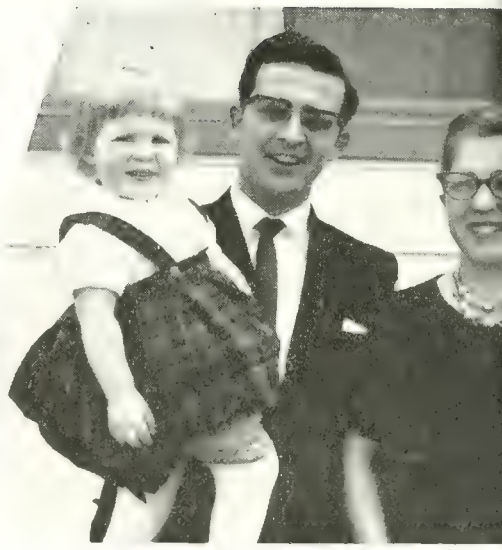












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Within the short lives of men, Go able to perform what seems to be the in sible. The establishment and continuanc a Brethren testimony in the San Bernar area is evidence of God's plenteous mercy His great love for men.

The present Grace Brethren Church continuance of the former Arrowhead Av Brethren Church, which was a continu of a church belonging to the group know the Church of the Brethren. The Arrow Avenue Brethren Church was dedicated March 12, 1950 with the president of Southern California District Mission B presiding. Mr. R. F. Kelly was superinten in charge of the "district mission point." W this church became a member of the Sout California District, the Reverend Lyle Marvin was called to be the pastor. Thirty- folks became charter members of the church. Out of the thirty-nine, nine are active. Others have moved away or gone t with the Lord.

The Lord richly blessed with a harve souls and before long the little church Arrowhead Avenue was bulging. The ch thought for a while of entering into a v ous expansion program, but after much pr and reflection, it was thought best to rel the church. The congregation bought a acre parcel of land about two and one-half m

LEGENDS

Top down left: Educational unit (academy); sanct nursery, kindergarten with grades one, two, and and grades four, five, and six.

Top down right: Grades 7 and 8, Junior High, S High, Truthseekers, and Berean class.

Top across: The present pastor, Rev. and Mrs. E Jones with their daughter. Lyle Marvin, former p at the cornerstone laying service, symbolizing the ing of a good foundation for the Grace Brethren Ch San Bernardino, California.



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f the Arrowhead Avenue location, and ground at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, November 954. The church then became a "Home on Church," and came under the super- of the Brethren Home Missions Council. Ward Miller was the devotional speaker he ground-breaking service. The congre- not only changed their location, but also name to *Grace Brethren Church.*

e first building erected on the new site combination church-school building. An ntary day school, called *Grace Brethren emy,* was conducted five days a week, on the Lord's Day Sunday school and ip services were conducted.

e growing congregation laid the corner- to their beautiful sanctuary—the second ing erected—on March 22, 1959 at 3:00 Rev. Leo Polman brought the message. congregation slowly furnished their h chairs, pulpit furniture, office equip- pews, and so on. Then on November 13, Dr. L. L. Grubb, together with pastor people, dedicated their church to the glory od.

e church of 1962 is a congregation of "twice-born" folks. It seeks to provide a rounded ministry to the entire family. only does it provide for its members and community a Christian Elementary Day ol (now called *Grace Christian School),* lso a program for their spiritual health, a lay school with dedicated leaders and ers, a Christian Endeavor hour, a midweek and prayer hour, a Friday evening Bible a Saturday morning prayer breakfast for nen, and, of course, worship services. The ch is striving to be evangelistic by instill- n each member their responsibility before

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San Bernardino Brethren Write . . .

We love the Brethren church because the pastors are the best schooled and the most dedicated men of God. They teach the wonderful deep truths that some other churches do not have or do not give to the people.

I thank God for the faithfulness of a Brethren pastor and his wife who with patience and long-suffering led me to Christ. I accepted Christ in The Brethren Church as did my wife before me and our ten-year-old son.

Praise God for the teaching of the true Gospel—plain and simple, yet rich and full. The Brethren Church certainly holds true to its motto, "The Bible, the whole Bible, nothing but the Bible."

The Norman Johnston Family

First the Lord sent pastor Lyle Marvin to visit our home. Our son accepted Jesus Christ as his Saviour and later he passed on to heaven. Soon after Mrs. Fisher accepted Christ, and then I did.

We praise God for our church and day school, which we think is the best way to reach souls for Christ and teach the Word of God.

Pauline and Oscar Fisher

This is more than I can express in words. My church is one where the Gospel is preached, and a place where I can be trained for a part in the winning of souls for Christ.

As a teacher of junior girls for the past twelve years, I have had many blessings in seeing these girls accept Christ as their Saviour and grow in grace and knowledge of the Lord. Also I had the pleasure of organizing our first Sisterhood group and have seen it grow to where we now have three groups. I thank and praise the Lord for these blessings which have meant so much to me. I can truly say my church fills my whole life. Christ is my strength and my salvation.

Jewell F. Heard

I thank the Lord that I belong to and attend a church that teaches and preaches the "whole Bible and nothing but the Bible" and also believes in prayer.

My son and I had accepted the Lord previous to attending The Brethren Church.

We sent our son to Sunday school, and in time I felt the need to get back in fellowship with the Lord. I started to Sunday school and church and in time my husband started to church, and it was through the prayers of the people in the church that brought my husband to see his need for a Saviour. Our family has been united in the Lord. This is what The Brethren Church means to me.

Mrs. Naomi Neher

Ten years ago I heard the term "plan of salvation" for the first time.

This was in a Brethren church, and the pastor explained it in an easy-to-understand way. I began to wonder why I hadn't heard it long before.

It appealed to me as the most important message in the Bible.

I felt so awakened to the truth and that something very vital had been revealed to me.

Soon after, I accepted Christ as my personal Saviour. Now I am happy serving Him.

I thank and praise my Heavenly Father for leading me to a Brethren church where the whole Bible is accepted and taught as God's divine Word, and where we learn what Christ's loving sacrifice means to the sinner.

There certainly is a wonderful sense of security in the knowledge of sins forgiven.

Now I have learned the value of prayer and the blessing of the continued study of God's Word.

Being affiliated with The Brethren Church has changed my entire outlook on life.

Old things have passed away; all things have become new.

Mrs. Maude Williamson

My wife and I were both saved in our youth in another denomination, but didn't know the true meaning of salvation until coming to Grace Brethren.

Our older son had accepted the Lord in the former church of which we were members. Then our younger son accepted the Lord as his Saviour after we came into the Grace Brethren Church.

We have been very happy here in the fellowship of the church and praise the Lord daily for the wonderful truths of His Word. We are so happy in the knowledge that now we know that we are saved by His wonderful grace, and not by works or baptism as we formerly believed. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God; not of works, lest any man should boast" (Eph. 2:8-9).

The Lord has blessed our family by the addition of a lovely Christian daughter-in-law, who also came to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus in the San Bernardino Grace Brethren Church.

We praise the Lord for the leading of the Holy Spirit in bringing us under the influence and teaching of the Word in the San Bernardino Grace Brethren Church.

Alvin H. Needles

"TO GOD BE THE GLORY . . ."

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God to become "fishers for men."

On March 11, 1962, the *Release Service* was conducted by Dr. L. L. Grubb. It is a marvelous example of God's faithfulness when a church goes self-supporting. God has faithfully blessed His Word and added to the local congregation those who were saved. Now the church has progressed to that wonderful point of being self-supporting.

The congregation wishes to publicly thank the Brethren Home Missions Council for their financial assistance during the formative years of their growth. Through the Council, loans were made from the Brethren Investment Foundation to purchase property and for the construction of the buildings. We also thank God for the spiritual assistance from the Council.

ISRAEL CALLS

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This article held some of the views this Jewish believer had formed as she attended services with me. She found that the presentation of the crucifixion was one-sided. In fact, I learned that this was one of the reasons that she had stopped attending church with me. This is of great concern to us, for we feel that the function of the mission is to reach the Jews with the Gospel, but our ultimate goal is to bring them under the ministry of the Word in the church and to have them participate in Christian fellowship and stewardship. Upon several occasions I have been disappointed because my prayers that certain Jewish people would attend services with me were not answered. But, after the service I have thanked the Lord that they had not come because what was said or *not said* would have had an adverse influence.

It is not that I would exonerate the Jewish people from their participation in the death of Christ, but neither does the Bible exonerate the gentiles. Compare Psalms 2:1-2 with this passage from Acts 4:25-28: "Who by the mouth of thy servant David hast said, Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things? The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ. For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, *both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel,* were gathered together, for to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done."

Likewise today both Jew and gentile are guilty, for all of us are sinners and Christ died for all. As we approach the Easter season my prayer is that "The whole counsel of God" will be presented regarding the crucifixion. According to this article some groups are beginning to do this. Even Pope John XXIII has ordered that the phrase "perfidious Jew" be removed from the Good Friday liturgy. These movements have caused Rabbi Prinz to remark that this may mark the turning point in the relationship between the Christian and the Jewish people.

May I restate my position by saying that I am not asking for a "watering down" of the Gospel or seeking to make it "palatable" for Jewish people. But because the Jew alone has been left with the stigma "Christ-killer," there is prejudice toward them even by sincere, Bible-taught Christians. Easter has been the time of great fear to the Jewish people, for it has been because of this one-sided emphasis especially at this season that brought on many of the pogroms. Thus another barrier has risen in reaching the Jewish people for Christ. *Let's remove this stumbling block from the path of the Jew to His Messiah, Christ Jesus.* Thus, as at the first Purim, "the month which was turned from sorrow to joy, and from mourning into a good day" (Esther 9:22) might be their experience through faith in the Lord Jesus.

Home Mission Field Reports

WEST COVINA, CALIFORNIA (Robert Kliewer, Pastor). I would like to praise the Lord for a good Sunday on April 1. We had 105 in Sunday school, and then in the evening service we had the Elementary Choir from the Baldwin Park Christian School with us and had 150 people in the service. Rejoice with us over souls being saved and hearts being rededicated to the task before us.

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA (Lyle Marvin, Pastor). We are praising the Lord for a decided upturn in most all aspects of the local work. Our Sunday school register has been showing 108 and 103 for the last two Sundays.

LEON, IOWA (Glen Welborn, Pastor). We have received a donation of ten gallons of varnish remover to get us started on refinishing our church pews. We also received as a gift the tile for the church auditorium floor. We praise the Lord for these contributions to improve the church for His glory.

TOPPENISH, WASHINGTON (Donald Farner, Pastor). Everything is going good here. We hit an all-time high last Sunday (March 25) with seventy-eight in Sunday school. Mr. Lester Keyser who has been working with the Brethren construction crew is on the way here to head up our new building program.

WESTMINSTER, CALIFORNIA (Robert Thompson, Pastor). The Lord has been answering prayer here. We have five awaiting baptism. Mrs. Joe Sargent has accepted the directorship of our Vacation Bible School. We can continue the use of the portable chapel for services.

WHERE IS YOUR MONEY INVESTED?

A friend recently related a conversation that took place between him and an employee of a West Coast finance company. The employee reported that his firm consistently rejects appeals for financing evangelical churches; yet it had just honored a request for an $8 million loan for a liquor establishment. The tragic aspect of the matter is that, according to the employee, a sizable percentage of the funds with which the finance company works represents savings deposited by Christian people.

Need More Be Said? Christian friend, why not transfer your savings funds to the BRETHREN INVESTMENT FOUNDATION where your dollars will earn double dividends: first, 4 percent on deposits under $500 and 5 percent on investments of $500 and up, and second, the satisfaction of knowing your money is being used in the greatest business in the world—God's business.

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Newspage

MEMBER EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION

JOHNSTOWN, PA. The Riverside Brethren Church reports that six first-time decisions and fourteen rededications were made during the recent revival meetings with Edward Lewis.

NORWALK, CALIF. Special meetings are being conducted here in the First Brethren Church by John Mayes, assistant pastor of the Long Beach First Brethren Church, Apr. 15-22. Henry Rempel, pastor.

LA VERNE, CALIF. Chauncey Sheldon, Brethren missionary to Africa, was guest speaker at the First Brethren Church, Feb. 25. Elias White, pastor.

LONG BEACH, CALIF. The Southern California-Arizona District WMC rally will be held during district conference May 10 at the North Long Beach Brethren Church. George Peek will be host pastor.

WOOSTER, OHIO. Harry Saulnier, superintendent of the Pacific Garden Mission, will be guest speaker at the First Brethren Church, May 6. Kenneth Ashman, pastor.

HAGERSTOWN, MD. The Grace Brethren Church, Warren E. Tamkin, pastor announced all-time high records in Sunday school during January, February, March, 1962. The average attendances for these months were 435, 447, and 451 respectively. The fifth annual prophetic conference was held in the church Apr. 6-8. Dr. Charles Ryrie was the guest speaker.

ANKENYTOWN, OHIO. Homer R. Miller, pastor of the First Brethren Church, will conclude his ministry here about the first of July. Future plans are indefinite.

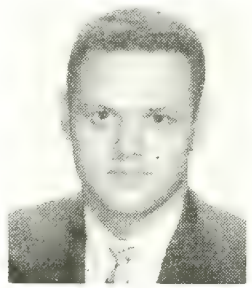
ALEXANDRIA, VA. Evangelist Bill Smith conducted four crusades in Iowa during the month of March. One week meetings were held in Des Moines, Garwin, Leon, and Cedar Rapids. There were 14 first-time decisions and 119 rededications.

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA. Roy Dice, pastor of Grace Brethren Church here, reports that on April 1 the old Sunday school record of 122 was tied.

COMPTON, CALIF. The Men's Fellowship of the First Brethren Church, Edwin Cashman, pastor, enjoyed an unusual service Mar. 27. Mr. and Mrs. Chao, of Los Angeles, were the guest speaker and cook. Mr. Chao brought the spiritual challenge and Mrs. Chao prepared a special Chinese supper for the men.

ELKHART, IND. Young people from the Berrien Springs, Mich., home-mission church presented the evening service at Grace Brethren Church here on Apr. 1. John Sholly, former student at Seventh Day Advent College, gave his testimony and message.

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA. Roy Dice, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, was ordained to the Christian ministry Mar. 26. The following Iowa pastors took part in the ordination service: Rev. John Aeby, Rev. Jesse Deloe, Rev. Robert Whited, Rev. Raymond Kettell, Rev. Forest Jackson, Rev. Glen Welborn, and



Rev. Carl Key. Evangelist Bill Smith gave the ordination message and Mrs. Kenneth Abodeely, a member of the Cedar Rapids church, provided the special music. Brother Dice graduated from Grace College in 1956 and Grace Theological Seminary in 1959.

SUNNYSIDE, WASH. H. Leslie Moore, pastor of First Brethren Church, has been appointed to serve on the Greater Yakima Sunday School Convention Committee. This convention is affiliated with The National Sunday School Association.

KITTANNING, PA. William H. Schaffer began his ninth year of ministry at the First Brethren Church here, Mar. 25.

BEAUMONT, CALIF. A foreign missions conference was held at Cherry Valley Brethren Church Apr. 8-11. The missionary speakers were: Chauncey Sheldon, Loree Sickel, Barbara Hulse, Dr. and Mrs. Jobson, and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Balzer. Wendell Kent is pastor.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. Emmit Adams, formerly serving as a layman in our Puerto Rico Brethren Mission, has recovered from his hospitalization here in the States and desires to express his appreciation for the prayers of the brotherhood. His new address is: 920½ S. Leonard, Los Angeles 22, Calif.

LANSING, MICH. The Michigan district WMC rally will be held at the Grace Brethren Church Apr. 26. J. Ward Tressler, will be host pastor.

TAOS, N. MEX. The Canon Brethren Church is conducting a foreign mission conference Apr. 25-29. Misses Edith Geske, Gale Jones, and Marion Thurston, missionary nurses to Central African Republic under the Brethren Foreign Mission Board, will be speaking.

AKRON, OHIO. Mrs. Russell Ogden's father, Mr. George E. Ralph, Sr. of Highland Park, Ill., died suddenly of a heart attack Mar. 30 at the age of 72. Mrs. Ogden is the wife of Russell Ogden, pastor of the First Brethren Church here.

ENDS EARTHLY PILGRIMAGE

Notices of death appearing in this column must be sumbitted in writing by a pastor.

LYONS, William Harold, 74, a faithful member of the First Brethren Church, Sunnyside, Wash., departed this earthly pilgrimage Jan. 13. Brother Lyons served as a Sunday-school teacher and a deacon.

H. L. Moore, pastor

LAYMEN'S PAGE

THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN LAYMEN

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NEWS

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MANSFIELD, OHIO. The Woodville Grace Brethren laymen had charge of the evening service on Evangelism Sunday. Theme of the service was "Witnessing for Christ."

The song service was led by Duane Reed, and Paul Barnette and Ray Metcalf led in prayer. Testimonies were given by Walter Kopcial, Robert Butterbaugh, and Vernon Barnhill. Special music featured a male quartet, a solo by Sherly Rissler, and an all male choir led by Pastor Leon Myers.

The message of the evening was given by Ed Russell. A total of eighteen men took part in the service, and the laymen's president, Norman Duane Reed, reports that "we praise the Lord for the blessings from this program."

HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND. The Mid-Atlantic district met for a banquet at the new Hagerstown Gay Street Brethren Church on Saturday evening, March 10, 1962. (The church was dedicated on Sunday, March 11). Men from the "north" received appropriate gray hats, and those from the "south" received blue ones. A Confederate atmosphere prevailed however, and even the ladies and girls who served the banquet were dressed in appropriate Civil War costumes. Special speaker was Lee Sterling, a Christian businessman from Hagerstown. (See photo at top right.)

NORTHERN ATLANTIC DISTRICT. The district men met recently at the First Brethren Church in Philadelphia to elect officers. (See photo at bottom of page). The newly elected president is George Wilhelm, York; vice president, William Hetrick, Hatboro; recording secretary, Jesse Gingrich, Palmyra; assistant recording secretary, Edgar Teahl, Palmyra; corresponding secretary, Allen Zook, Palmyra; assistant corresponding secretary, Dale Knepper, York; and treasurer, Al McDowell, Philadelphia Third church.

Guest speaker was a Christian businessman from Philadelphia, James Curnow. He used Colossians 3:1-14 for his text.

The ladies of the Philadelphia First church prepared a very delicious ham dinner which was enjoyed by all who were present.

Forthcoming district laymen's activities will be included with the district meeting which will be held next month. The laymen will provide the program for the Friday, May 11 evening service. A special laymen's breakfast will be held the following morning, followed by the quarterly business meeting.



Group at the Mid-Atlantic district banquet. (Photo by Rev. Lester Pifer)



Pictured after the Northern Atlantic district laymen's meeting right: John Blapp, Lancaster; Dale Knepper, York; Hobert Hykes, Lancaster; Edgar Teahl, Palmyra; Marlin Givens, also from Palmyra; and John Kauffman, Harrisburg. (Zook photo)

RUNNER OR SPECTATOR?

(Editor's note: This article is an abridgment of a message preached at the Winona Lake Brethren Church, February 11, 1962, and is being published by request. All Scripture references are taken from the American Standard Version.)

"Know ye not that they that run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize?"

The Apostle Paul compares discipleship to a race in I Corinthians 9:24—10:12. All of us are familiar with the running of races, and we well know that in a race not all who run receive the prize, but only that athlete who by self-discipline has made adequate preparation, and who upon entering the race runs with all his heart will obtain the reward. Many are running in the religious race today, but not all who run the race will receive the prize.

The parallel the Apostle intends to draw is that in the realm of Christianity, for in the race course one's mere presence in the race is not enough to win the prize. There is *a certain kind of running* that characterizes those who finish the race and win the reward. This is why both Christ and Paul over and over emphasize the extreme severity and seriousness of the contest in which the disciple is engaged. "For whosoever would save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it" (Luke 9: 24). "Wherefore, brethren, give the more diligence to make your calling and election sure" (II Pet. 1:10). "Try your own selves, whether ye are in the faith; prove your own selves" (II Cor. 13:5). The Apostle in our text warns: "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall" (I Cor. 10:12).

This last admonition occurs, significantly enough, at the conclusion of Paul's graphic illustration in I Corinthians 10 of what happened to the Israelites who ran the race—but not all of them obtained the prize. How many who are running the race today are aware of the fact that out of the thousands upon thousands of Israelites who left Egypt only *two* men above the age of twenty were able to finish the race and win the prize? According to the account in Numbers 14:29-30, *only Caleb and Joshua entered the Promised Land.*

The Apostle tells us that *all* Israel was *in* the race—*all* the Jews were under the protection of the cloud—*all* were led safely through the Red Sea—*all* were baptized unto Moses as his disciples—*all* ate of the miraculous food—*all* drank of the spiritual water—"howbeit with most of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness." They were all running toward the Promised Land—they were all in the race, but only two men of the adult population finished the race and obtained the prize. All the rest fell in the wilderness of the world just short of their goal. Paul then warns the runner today that ". . . these things happened unto them by way of example; and were written for our admonition. . . . Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall."

These solemn warnings and admonitions do not imply that a *true* disciple can fall out of the race and lose his salvation, but it does recognize the fact that many who are running in the race should never have entered and will not finish the race for a number of reasons. Many are running only halfheartedly with neither courage nor enthusiasm for the contest, while others, rather than running a race, give the impression of being mere *spectators* standing on the sidelines watching the race. What is the reason for this situation? Several facts seem evident.

First, it is because many do not recognize *the seriousness of the race.* Some are running in the race indifferently and halfheartedly because they do not seem to realize that it is a race between life and death! They are like Lot's wife who lingered too long near Sodom and looked back with longing to that worldly city. She did not realize until too late that she was called, not to take a vacation trip, but called to run a race with death. Sinful apathy and mediocrity are sure ways to lose this race!

Second, many are running the race *in the energy of the flesh.* Hence, like Israel, they continue in the contest only so long as there are no trials, hardships, and obstacles to overcome. But one dare not start out on this race without the right preparation and equipment, for only the truly born-again disciple can finish the race. For this very reason many are not able to finish because they did not begin their race at the foot of the cross, but entered the race by another way. Thus they will find themselves in the same tragic predicament as the foolish man described by Christ in Luke 14 who began to build his house, but because he had not counted the cost and made adequate preparation was not able to finish; and all who beheld it began to mock saying: "This man began to build, and was not able to finish." Simply to be in the race is no guarantee that one will finish the race because many, like Israel of old, enter and run in the energy of the flesh.

A third reason why many in the religious race will not receive the prize is because they are running *according to their own rules.* We may well profit from the Pharisees here. They too were in the religious race and were running hard, but they won no prize. They made the mistake—a mistake often repeated by the church down through history—of thinking that simply because they were *busy about religion* that God's commandments and principles for running the race were not important,

or that they could be modified and added to *ad infinitum*. But what they failed to see was that while they were busy running in the religious race, they had run off the course and were turned around and running in the opposite direction. They had the outward form of running the race, but they were headed the wrong way! Satan is a master at getting churches and individuals turned around and headed in the wrong direction in doctrine and practice when they grow careless and begin to equate *religious activity* with New Testament Christianity. The two terms are by no means necessarily synonymous. Paul reminds us that ". . . if . . . a man contend in the games, he is not crowned, except he have contended lawfully" (II Tim. 2:5). History pleads, as it were, to teach us a lesson here, that religious programs are not necessarily Scriptural programs, for they can become little more than programs of "dead works" which have substituted man's external rules, regulations, and practices for the Scriptural principles and practices. Satan has achieved his purpose when he can blind our eyes so that we do not recognize that we are running away from, rather than toward, the proper goal.

Another reason some are unable to complete the race results from their *worldly entanglements*. Christ portrays the plight of this contestant in the Parable of the Sower in Matthew 13:22: "And he that was sown among the thorns, this is he that heareth the word; and the care of the world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful."

This is the predicament of the runner who strays from the course and allows his life to become entangled in the weeds and brambles along the way so that he is hindered and overcome. He will be recognized as the church member who becomes so enmeshed in the cares and affairs of this life and the attractions of the world that he is unable to produce any spiritual fruit. There is no time for the things of God—His day, His Word, prayer, and testimony—and in the end he finds his life to be barren and wasted. Therefore, the Apostle warns the Christian that "no soldier on service entangleth himself in the affairs of this life" (II Tim. 2:4).

The purpose of this race is to bear spiritual fruit and, therefore, we might ask ourselves if this goal is being realized in our lives. Christ equates fruit bearing with discipleship: "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; and so shall ye be my disciples" (John 15:8).

This introduces the fifth reason why many, even some who are genuine disciples, seem to be running the race without enthusiasm, and that is because they are running in a race in which they have *no clear goal*. The reason so many in our generation are running only half-heartedly, running with a kind of bewildered look upon their faces, is because they have no clear purpose —no aim—no goal. And the basic reason why they do not seem to be going anywhere—aimlessly running around the race course—is because they have not been impressed with the fact that there was any definite place where they ought to be going!



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Too often the only aim in much of the contemporary evangelism seems to be to get souls saved to populate the *next* world, but we do not set before the new convert any definite purpose and goal for *this* world. We have not impressed upon him the fact that he is a runner with a race to run *here* and *now*, and that it is important how he runs the race, and that his purpose in the race is to bear spiritual fruit (John 15:8). This fruit is the spiritual fruit of personal holiness (Rom. 6:21-22) and the fruit that will result when the disciple takes upon himself the personal responsibility of communicating the Gospel to the world day by day.

Ours is an age in which the preachers and evangelists have inherited the task of carrying practically all the burden of evangelizing a lost world. The church has too willingly turned the responsibility of communicating the Gospel ever to the so-called "clergy" and the rest look upon themselves as the "laity" with no real responsibilities in this work beyond support of missions, revivals, and attendance at church services. As a result we have developed, whether we like to admit it or not, a *spectator* type of Christianity, in which a relative few are charged with the great responsibility of spreading the Gospel while the great mass of Christendom is merely a spectator in the race. But this was not true of the early Christians, for the successful and rapid spread of the Gospel was due primarily to the fact that each disciple believed that the communication of the Word of life was his own personal responsibility. We have lost much of this sense of personal participation in Christianity. As a result we have developed, on the one hand, a "pay-our-way" program of evangelism, and, on the other, a double standard of morality which requires one type of separated life for the preacher, but permits a less strenuous one for the "laity." This situation has resulted in a spiritual impasse in which we have no definite goals and responsibilities to set before the new disciple; therefore his participation in the race is more as a spectator than a runner.

There is but one solution to our problem. We must recognize and admit our condition and determine once for all to be done with simply being spectators in Christianity! We must see that we are in a life or death race, and that not only are others unable to run our race for us, but also it is important how we run the race ourselves, for not all who run a race win the prize.

"Know ye not that they that run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? Even so run; that ye may obtain."

Which then [illegible] *spectator?*



The Death of Jesus

On His way to Golgotha, Christ bore His cross alone.
The cross was heavy, the way was steep, His face with agony shone.
Ne'er once did He rebuke His Father, but gladly bore the load,
He knew it was His Father's will as He trod the dusty road.

Some that followed could not conceal the anguish in their heart,
Jesus Christ, the One they loved, from them would soon depart.
Then too, there were the curious ones who followed just to see
What this goodly Man would do when He reached Calvary.

His enemies were amidst the group shouting with delight,
They had the Christ to crucify, they cared not of His plight.
A certain man whose name was Simon they met along the way,
He helped the Lord to carry His cross that unforgetful day.

Their destination was finally reached, the crucifixion nigh;
They nailed the Saviour to the cross, there to let Him die.
They cast lots for His raiment as was the prophecy,
And vinegar they gave to Him when so athirst was He.

Two thieves were crucified with Him and one of them did say:
"Lord Jesus, please remember me in Thy kingdom today."
"You'll be with me in Paradise," was the Lord's reply;
Then the sun did hide itself and dark grew all the sky.

The earth did quake, the thunder roared, what had these people done?
They all stood by sore afraid because there was no sun.
He commended His Spirit to His Father and then gave up the ghost.
He passed into eternity with all the heavenly host.

His body was placed in a sepulcher by a kindly friend.
People really did believe Christ's reign was at an end.
Three days had passed, the disciples came to the guarded tomb.
They found the stone rolled away and only an empty room.

"The Lord has risen," came a voice, "Remember what He said?"
"Three days shall I be in the earth then rise from the dead."
They remembered all that Jesus said and spread the news about;
Blessed are the believing ones, but woe to those who doubt.

By Mrs. Frank L. Crawford
Berrien Springs, Michigan

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I have just finished reading the special Prophecy Edition of our Missionary Herald. I am so thrilled with the wonderful prophetic messages that I am writing to find out in what way I could have copies sent to some of my children and others. I will be praying for each one as they read these most enlightening messages.

Mrs. E. C., La Verne, California

Dear Editor:

Just a note of thanks for this last Missionary Herald. I think it's the best one we have ever received. I guess it must be because of the messages on prophecy—they were superb. I guess they mean so much more when you know the writers. I would like to have extra copies to pass out to some saved and unsaved friends.

H. E. H., Brookville, Ohio

Dear Sirs:

I would like to request six copies of your special edition on prophecy, if they are available.

Much blessing has already been received from it.

Mrs. R. W. E., Galva, Illinois

Dear Editor:

I would like to express my appreciation to the Herald for the March issue of the magazine (the issue on prophecy). I heard more good comments on this issue than any other. If possible I would like to have about fifty more copies. Thank you.

R. D., Marion, Iowa

Dear Sir:

I enjoyed the special prophecy edition of the March 31 Herald so much that I would love to have a few copies to give to a few of my friends.

M. D., Saint Petersburg, Florida

Dear Editor:

The Herald has become almost like a letter from home. Thanks for your work on it. Your prayer fellowship and interest in the needy souls of Japan would be greatly appreciated.

W. L., Tokyo-to, Japan

Dear Editor:

How do you expect me to get my work done on my days off when you make the Herald so good?

Mrs. H. B., Martinsburg, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

We certainly do enjoy the Herald in our home.

Mrs. L. F. Y., Corvallis, Oregon

COVER PHOTO—EDUCATIONAL ISSUE

Dean of Men and Mrs. Arnold Kriegbaum question and answer interested prospects at a recent Christian College Conference in Detroit (story on page 261).

Be a Frosh—yes; but where, pages 264-265 deals with this question of college entrance so pertinent to soon-to-be-high school graduates at this time of year.

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EDITORIALS

By William A. Ogden, Executive Vice President

After Easter, What?

Much has been said throughout the Lenten season, Passion week, and Easter Sunday about the crucifixion and the empty tomb of Jesus of Nazareth. We might well ask ourselves: Are these events no more than a page from history to be celebrated annually? Do they do no more for us today than excite our sympathy for the One who patiently suffered the most cruel death known to man? Is the greatest miracle of the ages seen only as a personal triumph for which we applaud the Victor? Or, do we find nothing more in these events than a moral example teaching us that we too should be willing to suffer—to die if necessary—for principle, for truth, for conviction? If this is all; then we must indeed say that Christ has died in vain.

But, from that day until now the power of His cross and the victory of His resurrection has been the greatest moral and spiritual force this world has ever known. It triumphed over Nero and the Catacombs. It survived the Dark Ages. It gave life to the Reformation. It has molded the destiny of men and nations. It reaches and transforms the lives of men everywhere.

New Men

While the world talks about reformation of bad men and thus curbing crime, about building a brave new world and controlling youth, Jesus Christ is engaged in the stupendous miracle of making new men! Like that chaplain in the South Pacific who, on his lonely Island, gathered driftwood and built a chapel in which to worship God, our Lord is gathering wrecked and ruined humanity and building himself a spiritual house, a holy temple. "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature."

Have you heard the story of Henry Milans, a ward patient in Bellview hospital, New York City? The group of students surrounding his bed listened as their instructing professor said: "We have discovered in this man all the marked indications of the incurable inebriate. Note the dancing eyes, the trembling of the hands and other members of his body. This man can never be cured. He must die as he has lived, a drunkard. Nothing can save him."

Nothing, Professor?

Maybe *someone* can. Ensign Hall of the Salvation Army gave this report: "Amid the fervent hallelujahs of Christians in the hall, Milans stumbled forward. The change that took place in him was remarkable. What science was unable to do, Christ accomplished in a moment. Nineteen years after his conversion he testified, 'From that moment to the present I have never been tempted to take a drink of anything with alcohol in it. I should have to learn all over again to love the drink that was for thirty-five years the greatest love of my life.'"

Your problem may be just as great to you as Henry Milans' was to him. It may be some besetting sin, some fear that grips the heart and haunts you, some temptation over which you have no power. I want to say to you in all earnestness that Jesus Christ can deliver you and make you whole. He does not patch up the old wreck or tune up the old violin. In Christ you are a new creature. This experience has been real to many. It is not merely something to talk about or to wish for. It happens every day to people just like you. It is God's work of grace in the heart. "We are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."

Darkness hung over Calvary at noonday. Gloom filled the breasts of His disciples as they saw His sacred body laid in a rock-hewn tomb. Resurrection morning was God's answer to hopeless despair. Its afterglow is reflected in the lives of His redeeming saints. Easter comes but once a year. The power of His resurrection is available daily to the one who will claim it by faith.

Keep in Touch

A Christian can no more maintain a vital experience apart from union with Christ than a burning ember can continue to glow apart from the blazing mass on the hearth. A life out of touch with God quickly becomes spiritually cold and fruitless. This is a fact that must be held in mind in education as well as in the ministry of the church.

President Elliot of Harvard is quoted as having said many years ago that the people of this country were trying one of the greatest experiments ever; namely, the bringing up of our children without any religious instruction. This, of course, is bad. But it is possible to have "religious instruction" without ever relating a person to God in a vital living fellowship through Jesus Christ.

An inert substance or a living body may become so surcharged and transformed with another force foreign to itself that when we touch it, we feel only the foreign force which fills it. For instance, galvanize a pail of water, and then put your hand in it. You touch the water but you feel only the electricity that pervades it. Or again, take a bar of iron and put it into the fire. Soon the fire enters into it and takes possession of every atom of which it is composed. If you touch it while it is redhot you will scarcely feel the iron, but you will certainly feel the fire.

So it is with the man who is filled with God and in whom God dwells. Come near him and touch him, and as you touch him you feel God. This is the kind of men the world needs today. Not clever men, nor brilliant men, nor rich men, nor great men; but men who give evidence that they have been with Jesus and have learned of Him.

Brethren People Ought To Sing This Song

By Homer A. Kent, Sr., Th.D.
Professor of Church History

Alexander Mack, who is usually considered the founder of The Brethren Church, was a poet as well as a church leader. One of his poems, entitled "Count Well the Cost," has long existed. However, the words of it were lost, and have only recently been discovered. They have been translated from the original German into English by Ora W. Garber, a leader in the Church of the Brethren.

In very early days the words of this poem were set to music and frequently sung at Brethren services. At Des Moines, Iowa, Annual Conference of the Church of the Brethren in 1958, the 250th anniversary year of the founding of the Brethren movement, for the first time the newly discovered hymn was sung to an appropriate tune. Although the tune was unfamiliar and even the words were as yet new, the congregation assembled on the first evening of that memorable conference sang enthusiastically a hymn that is as old as our church.

The hymn contains thirteen stanzas and evidently was born out of the days of stress which characterized the beginnings of Brethren history. It is based upon the passage in Luke's Gospel, chapter 14, having to do with the theme of counting the cost in relation to Christian discipleship. The hymn is a challenge to devotion and submission to Christ and His service. It was written as a reminder to Mack's followers of the nature of the calling which they had espoused and of the dangers it imposed. Doubtless when it was sung, not one of the thirteen stanzas was omitted. The entire hymn was recently published in the *Daily Devotions* booklet for the first quarter of 1962.

The first stanza introduces the main thought of the hymn and gives the title used in connection with it:

> Christ Jesus says, "Count well the cost
> When you lay the foundation."
> Are you resolved, though all seem lost,
> To risk your reputation?
> Your self, your wealth, for Christ the Lord
> As you now give your solemn word?

In these words is reflected the difficult situation which faced our founding fathers when they sought to establish a testimony according to their deep convictions. The political and religious situation in Germany demanded that every citizen should belong to one of three state churches—Catholic, Lutheran or Reformed. No other group was to be tolerated. Nonconformists were not to be allowed. If found, persecution was to be their lot.

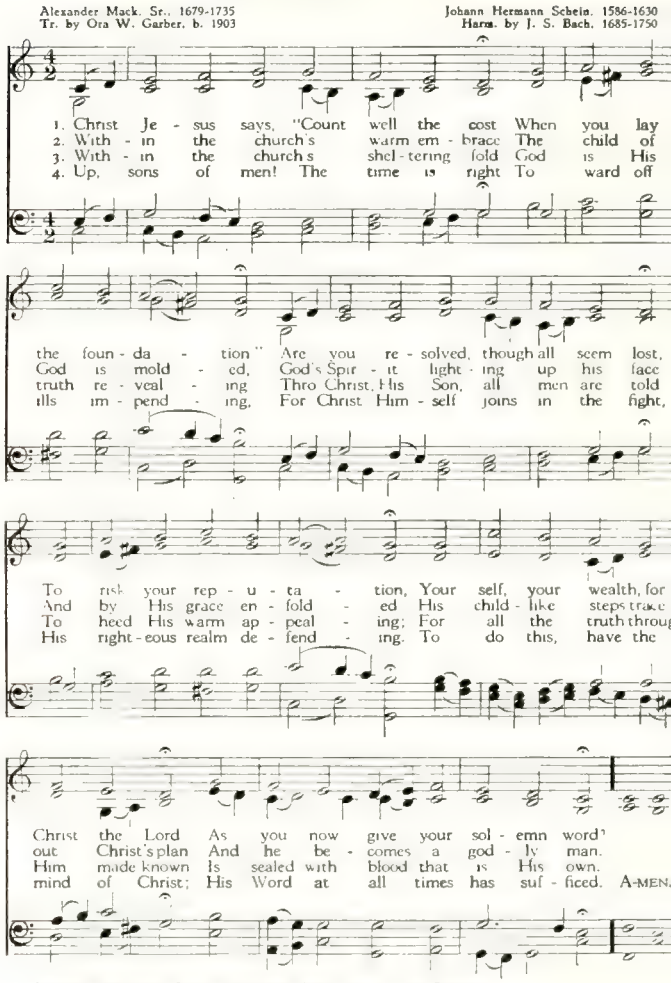
In the midst of such a condition the Brethren found

Count Well the Cost

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Alexander Mack, Sr., 1679-1735
Tr. by Ora W. Garber, b. 1903

Johann Hermann Schein, 1586-1630
Harm. by J. S. Bach, 1685-1750



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themselves in the early part of the eighteenth century. After careful study of the Scriptures they were convinced that they could not belong to any one of the state churches. But to live true to their convictions and worship separately was to put them in a precarious position. In view of the situation, and as the verse just quoted suggests: Had they counted the cost, would they be willing to risk their reputation, their all for Christ? These were then, and always are, sobering questions.

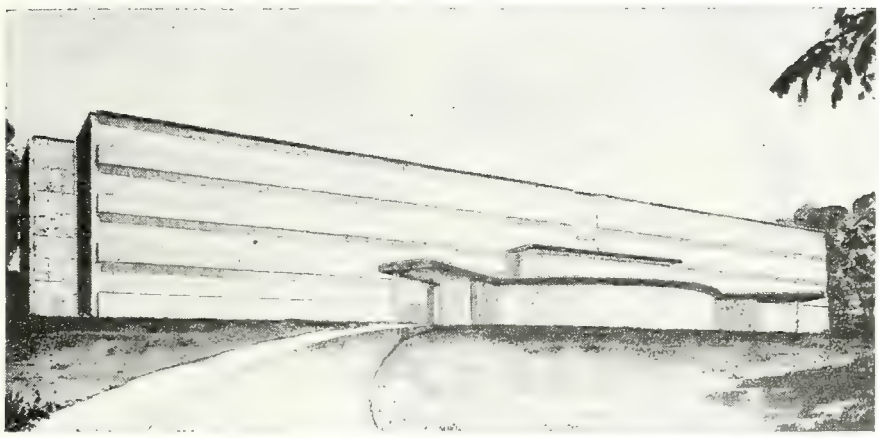
Look now at stanza two:

> Into Christ's death you're buried now
> Through baptism's joyous union.
> No claim of self dare you allow
> If you desire communion
> With Christ's true church, His willing bride,
> Which, through His Word, He has supplied.

With these words Alexander Mack has set forth the great fact that the true believer is joined with Christ, is dead to the world, and is bound to serve none other but Christ. Moreover, he has no claim upon his own life since he belongs to Him. He must be submissive to the will of Christ irrespective of outward circumstances. There is still the call to courage in these words, some-

CAMPUS NEWS

By Knute Larson



DORM FUNDS NEEDED BEFORE GROUND BREAKING

Approximately $56,000 is still needed before ground can be turned to initiate construction of the proposed eighty-two-room dormitory-cafeteria for Grace College.

At press time, $193,263.87 of the needed $250,000 had been given, invested (in the Golden Opportunity fund of the Brethren Investment Foundation), or pledged. The amount needed is the minimum goal that must be reached before actual construction begins; the total cost of the building will be approximately $450,000.

Contract bids were received on April 19, and so the low bidding contractor was known when the board of trustees began their annual meeting on April 24.

The dormitory—much needed because of crowded conditions in a local hotel and motel, where students are presently lodged—will include the eighty-two rooms plus a cafeteria, lounge, and a recreation room. Future prospects and estimates of increased Grace enrollment add to the immediacy of the need. (See Golden Opportunity ad, page 266.)

KRIEGBAUMS REPRESENT GRACE AT CONFERENCE

Rev. and Mrs. Arnold Kriegbaum represented Grace College at a recent conference for students interested in a college education. The two-day affair was held at the Highland Park Baptist Church in Detroit, Michigan.

Eleven Christian colleges were represented at the conclave, which include approximately 600. Dean of Men Kriegbaum joined other schools' delegates in presenting motion pictures of the schools, joined in discussions and seminar groups, and conducted personal interviews—all for the purpose of acquainting the interested with the Christian colleges of the country.

JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET TO FEATURE AVALONE

Mr. Ronnie Avalone, a former Metropolitan Opera singer, will be the singer-speaker at this year's Junior-Senior Banquet, to be held in Fort Wayne on Saturday, May 5.

This traditional formal affair is the climax of the social year at Grace.

SCHUMACHER TO LEAD SEMINARY STUDENTS

John Schumacher, a junior and prospective army chaplain, has been elected to serve as president of the Grace Seminary student body for next year.

Schumacher is from Osceola, Indiana, and he joins these other officers in the new Student Council: Larry Poland, vice president; Don Fitchett, chaplain; Ralph Hayes, Social chairman; James Kennedy, secretary; and Ronald Smithgall, treasurer.

thing desperately needed in every period of the church's history. We may need it more than we think in the days just ahead.

Ponder next the words of stanza twelve:

> Against false teaching guard your heart.
> Some practice at deceiving
> And make it seem, no sinful art,
> As if to Christ they're cleaving.
> If from Christ's Word one does not teach,
> His words are but deceptive speech.

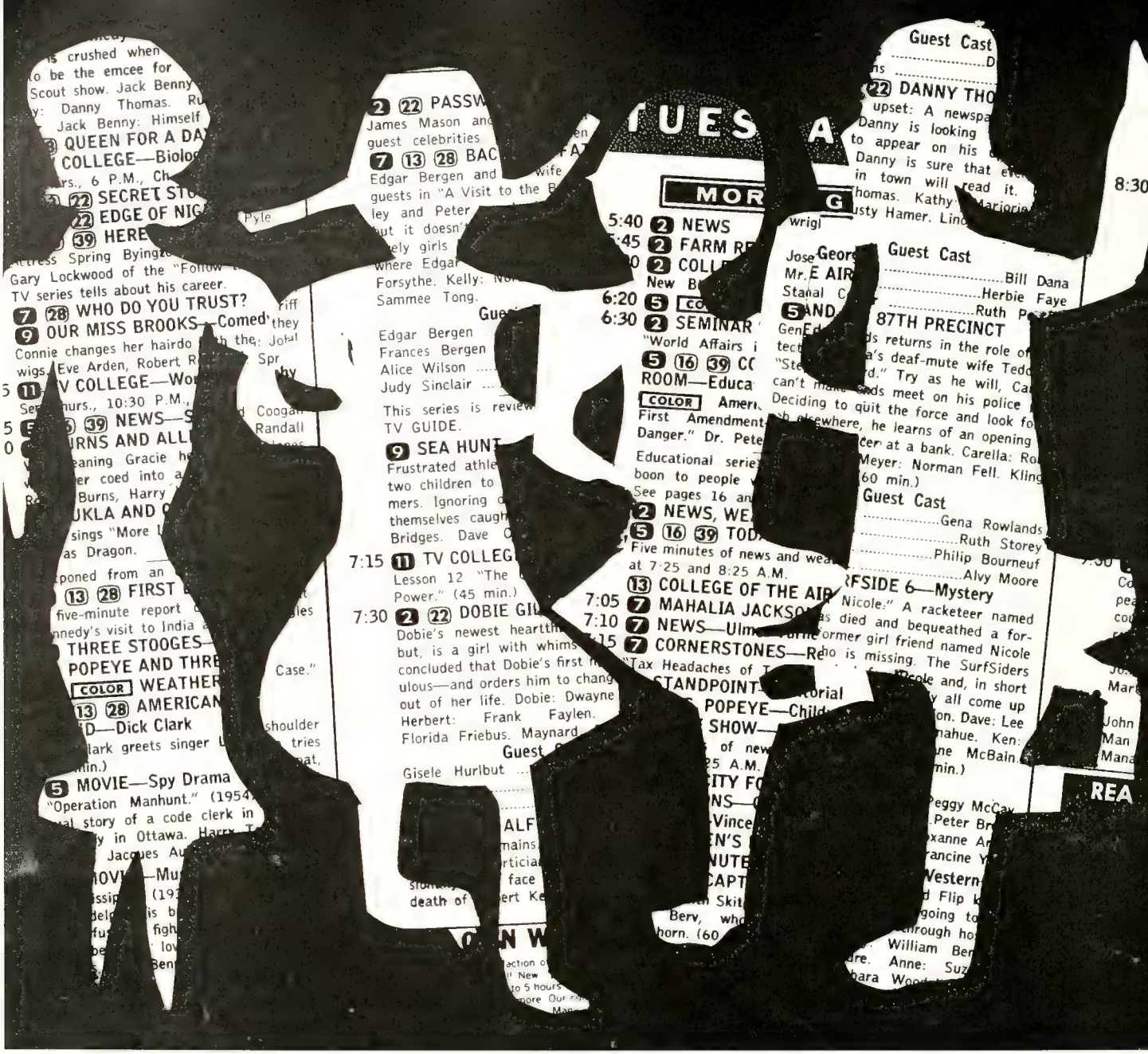
Here is a direct appeal to be true to the Word of God. It is "the Bible, the whole Bible, and nothing but the Bible" that should be the textbook of the true Christian. Mack notes that some clever teachers were busy employing the art of deception. He pleads for his followers to beware.

The final stanza of Mack's hymn is somewhat like the modern day hymn, "Onward Christian Soldiers," in its content.

> Up, sons of men! The time is right
> To ward off ills impending,
> For Christ Himself joins in the fight,
> His righteous realm defending.
> To do this, have the mind of Christ;
> His Word at all times has sufficed.

The challenge is clear. It is time to stand up and be counted for Christ and His cause with the assurance that His Word cannot fail.

As we sing along with Mack in his ancient hymn, let us ask ourselves, Are we willing to count the cost as did the Brethren of old? It cost them their homeland with all the losses thus entailed. If the situation demanded, would we be willing to pay such a price for Christ's sake?



TV REUNITED OUR FAMILY

Based on facts about families, by Knute Larson

I'm really sick and tired of all the nasty, uncalled-for rumors and accusations that have recently been hurled at television. Most of the awfuls obviously come from people who are just looking at this thing from one side of the picture. I take a strong, unmovable stand in favor of more TV for everyone, because that "21" magical marvel has done wonders for our family.

Everyone in journalism, from the big national weeklies to the small denominational publications, has been making their biased blasts at TV and the industry behind it. But most of them seem to be so unreasonably negative in their approach to this issue—especially some of the church groups. They're really down on some of the programs, say that the things they present influence children in the wrong way, and are just plain obscene or bloody—depending on whether it's a comedy or a private-eye thriller. What some of

these self-appointed critics don't realize is that some of the very programs they reprimand are among the best shows on TV—some of them are even in the top ten! Obviously these people ought to be much more careful about what they say when it comes to programs that have been accepted so favorably by the American public.

My father just isn't the same as before we took full advantage of our channels. He always talked a lot—especially at supper. I don't think he discusses many things any more—at least I can't hear much from the living room, where I always see the news and sports roundup right before Wells Fargo at 6:00. Dad used to be gone a number of evenings every week. He's always been a really active layman in our local church. Even on Fridays—that's my night home usually—he used to go out on visitation for the church. I guess it was a good thing, but I always wished he would get a chance to see the Flintstones and especially 77 Sunset Strip. He stayed home one time, then later two in a row; now you couldn't get him away from an hour of 77 if Billy Graham was coming to town. So you see, Dad has become more of a family man since he turned to TV in a strong way.

Mother has been especially united with us on Wednesday evenings. She always used to stay after prayer meeting for choir practice. She's done singing now because we rush home as a family unit—when Dad goes—to fellowship in front of Wagon Train. Sometimes we miss the first few minutes though, because it starts just as church ends.

My sister Judy—she's sixteen and a junior in high school—was always somewhat of a problem to our parents because she wanted to go to the movies with the other girls in her class. Dad and Mom always refused to let her go because they have definite convictions against the theater. Finally they gave in and let her go for a while so that she could learn for herself—just like the parents of that girl in the Monday, 9 p.m. comedy did when their daughter wanted to date so many guys. But now she hardly ever goes to the movie anymore; she's been changed. She claims Saturday night at the movies is much cheaper and even more fun—she and her girl friends and "other people in her class" usually get together on Saturdays for a movie session. The bad part of her new film-find is that she and mother stay up so late to see the late movies every night. But then it's always good to see a mother and daughter spend a lot of time together.

Sundays always were such hectic evenings at our house. Judy and I always hurried to BYF—that's when I was just young and in high school, three years ago—and then we would meet our parents at church before rushing home for Alfred Hitchcock. Now the rush is past. We got to watching Lassie and Bonanza in the evenings, and we're stalwarts of Sunday viewing. (What our pastor doesn't understand is that Sunday offers the best viewing pleasure of the whole week!) Now Sunday evening provides for such a wonderful family get-together.

Surely you can see my point. Can you blame me for differing with so many that criticize the programs or their effect on families? I imagine most of the people that reprimand TV don't even watch it more than three hours a day! How could they know! They talk about morals and wrong influences and all those things. I don't think that Paladin, Marshall Dillon, Wyatt Earp or Cheyenne ever killed anybody except in self-defense—or at least with good reason! Who can criticize such men—or the modern-day private eyes or policeman crime-busters that stand for such truth and justice? (Even my four year-old-brother Jimmy—did I mention him? has learned to conceal his six shooter and use it only when necessary when he plays with the other boys in the block right after Noontime Movietime every day!)

This is what television has done for our family—or should I say to our family? It's probably changed a lot of households in such ways. What has it done to your family?

GIFTS TO GRACE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

March 1962

	General Fund	Building Fund
Allegheny		
Aleppo, Pa.		42.50
Jenners, Pa.	130.25	111.70
Listie, Pa.		25.00
Stoystown, Pa.	20.07	
Uniontown, Pa.	466.38	
Washington, Pa.	14.47	
East		
Everett, Pa.	23.50	10.00
Johnstown, Pa. (First)		140.00
Johnstown, Pa. (Riverside)	28.00	
Kittanning, Pa. (First)	75.78	87.25
Martinsburg, Pa.	20.55	
Indiana		
Fort Wayne (First)	675.78	25.00
Leesburg	84.79	12.35
Osceola	29.00	8.00
Warsaw	24.00	
Winona Lake	211.50	77.35
Iowa		
Waterloo	107.69	51.23
Michigan		
Alto		5.00
Grand Rapids	31.00	
Lake Odessa	4.25	24.00
New Troy	35.00	
Mid-Atlantic		
Martinsburg, W. Va.	40.00	
Seven Fountains, Va.	12.00	
Washington, D. C.	500.00	600.00
Winchester, Va.	36.97	6.10
Midwest		
Denver, Colo.	20.00	
Northern Atlantic		
Palmyra, Pa.	58.00	
Philadelphia, Pa. (First)		100.00
Northern Ohio		
Canton	391.81	
Cleveland	7.00	5.00
Danville	21.00	5.00
Galion	22.00	
Homerville	28.00	
Mansfield (Grace)	765.25	24.00
Rittman	644.75	
Sterling		25.00
Northwest		
Spokane, Wash.	54.90	
Southeast		
Covington, Va.	250.16	
Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	68.25	14.00
Johnson City, Tenn.	20.00	
Roanoke, Va. (Clearbrook)	177.55	
Roanoke, Va. (Garden City)	35.00	
Roanoke, Va. (Ghent)	508.35	
Southern California and Arizona		
Anaheim, Calif.	5.00	
Beaumont, Calif.	178.00	
Bell, Calif.	35.00	
Glendale, Calif.		80.00
Inglewood, Calif.	22.81	5.00
Long Beach, Calif. (First)	741.75	53.00
Long Beach, Calif. (Los Altos)	10.00	
Long Beach, Calif. (North)	5.00	5.00
Paramount, Calif.	172.52	1.00
Temple City, Calif.	5.40	
Tucson, Ariz.	10.00	
Westminster, Calif.	11.08	
Whittier, Calif. (Community)	17.40	
Whittier, Calif. (First)	65.00	5.00
Southern Ohio		
Clayton	24.50	6.00
Dayton (Patterson Park)		5.00
Kettering	33.24	
Miscellaneous		
Isolated Brethren	2.50	2.50
Non-Brethren	55.00	250.00
College Student Body	22.50	
Maintenance	660.00	
Totals	7,719.70	1,810.00
Designated Gifts		
Ashland, Ohio		[illegible]
Canton, Ohio		[illegible]
Clayton, Ohio		[illegible]
Kittanning, Pa. (First)		[illegible]
Mansfield, Ohio (Grace)		[illegible]
Whittier, Calif. (Community)		[illegible]
Winona Lake, Ind.		90.99
Non-Brethren		88.21
Total		683.70

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"You can go to that Christian college if you want to, but I've decided to go to State U."

Todd shifted in the big leather-covered chair to look at his friend. "How come, Jeff? We've been planning to go to that college together ever since we were sophomores. Don't you want to serve the Lord anymore?"

"That's a fine question for you to ask me!" Jeff retorted. "Of course, I do. That's one reason I'm applying at State U."

"What's that supposed to mean?" Todd asked, frowning as he tossed one leg over the chair arm.

Jeff leaned forward. "Look; it's simple. First, I can be a witness on State campus. That Christian school doesn't need me. Everyone there is already saved.

"Besides, I want to be a doctor and you know that Christian school we had picked out doesn't have a strong pre-med course. So it's all settled."

But it wasn't all settled in Todd's mind. Jeff's reasons sounded good, but something wasn't quite right. If Jeff was right, maybe Todd was making a big mistake in his own life.

By Sunday Todd had found no solution. He needed advice, but where would he get it? His school guidance counselor had already tried to discourage his going to any Christian school, and his pastor was all in favor of their denominational school for everybody.

Preoccupied with these thoughts, he didn't hear much of the opening part of the morning service. Then the choir stood to sing and his wandering gaze caught on the tall baritone, Mr. Brier. Todd leaned forward. Here might be the answer. Mr. Brier was an accountant, but he had acquired an advanced degree in that after being graduated by the same school Todd wanted to attend.

After the service Todd cornered Mr. Brier outside the choir room and briefly outlined his problem. He quickly accepted Mr. Brier's invitation to come to his home after dinner to discuss the matter.

That afternoon Todd learned much about both Christian and state schools and what they offer a freshman.

"Since Jeff's first reason for going to State U is to witness," said Mr. Brier, "let's talk about that. We both know there's a great need for strong Christian testimonies among university students, but the question is 'Are you and Jeff ready to provide it?'

"When profs scoff at Bible teachings and students toss at you all kinds of excuses for not believing, will you know what to say?"

"Well, I guess I'd just tell them what I believe," Todd said.

Mr. Brier nodded a bit sadly. "Yes; and that *is* a good place to begin, but you also need to be able to tell why you believe it. And, Todd, those 'why's' are part of what you learn in a Christian school. After I had been to a Christian school, I had so many more solid answers to give the unbelieving acquaintances I had in the other school."

"But there must be some kids smart enough and close enough to the Lord to know the answers when they are in high school. Shouldn't they go straight to a university, Mr. Brier?"

"Todd, that isn't so simple to answer. Certainly fellows and girls—especially in large schools—who have led many classmates to Christ do have a knowledge of how to deal with skeptical students. But at least a year at a Christian school would give them time to 'refuel' spiritually. Remember, every believer needs time to fellowship with other believers if he is going to grow.

"Think about this, too, Todd. What would a school be like if only weak Christians went there?"

"Oh, I see what you mean," Todd's puzzled look changed to a smile. "Somebody has to lead them and help them to grow, and we can't expect the teachers to do it all. Isn't that what you mean?"

"Precisely, Todd. A really all-out Christian roommate can do a lot more for a fellow than a professor can in class three or four hours a week."

Mr. Brier clasped his hands around his knee and "nodded" his foot to emphasize his statements. "For a freshman, the academic side of the question is a real factor. Do you know how many freshman at State U ever get beyond one semester?"

Todd did some quick mental figuring. "Last fall I heard they had 6,000 freshmen, so they must have kept all but a hundred or so."

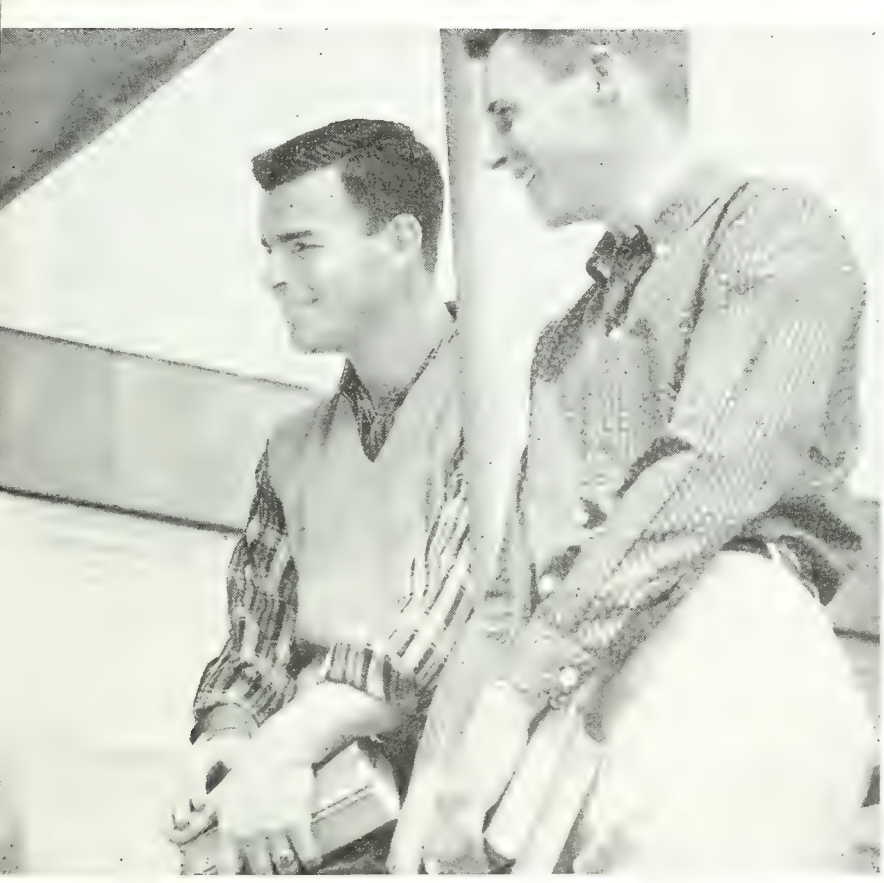
"No, Todd. They kept just 3,000 for second semester and some of those won't have a chance for a second year at State U.

"Every freshman composition, literature, and philosophy instructor is told to flunk at least half of the members of every class he teaches because . . ."

"But that's not fair!" Todd interrupted.

"No, it isn't always fair to the student," Mr. Brier replied, "but the universities don't have any choice.

But Where?



BY ELENER R. NORRIS

Asst. Prof. of English and Journalism

Unless they drop about half of each entering class, they will not have any dorm or classroom space for the next year's freshmen.

"Since Christian schools are usually small, they have no need to take this means of vacating rooms. When I was there, the instructors always offered to spend time out of class going over anything we didn't understand just to make sure we could pass the exams."

"Boy, that sounds like a breeze!" Todd said.

"No, don't get that idea. People still flunked exams and got low grades, but the low mark was never the result of a prof's lack of concern about us or his feeling he had to get rid of a certain percentage of us.

"The profs believed that if God had directed us there, He intended for us to learn something—and did they ever see to it that we did learn!"

"You've about convinced me, Mr. Brier. But what about people like Jeff who can't get the kind of course they want? Do they just have to take a chance on being in the half of the class that doesn't flunk out of a state school?"

"Not necessarily, Todd. The freshman subjects are about the same regardless of what you branch out into later. So I think Jeff would be smart to take those basic courses in the Christian school and then transfer.

"The important thing is to get a good, solid education in these foundation courses, and I've found Christian schools better prepared to provide this."

"I don't get that. I keep hearing about how much higher academic standards state schools have," Todd interrupted.

"It's true that universities have more professors with doctor's degrees, but you won't see many of those profs till you get into graduate school. And that's just what I was getting to. Almost all the freshman courses are taught by graduate assistants. They may not even be well trained in the subject they teach; they just take the job to pay their way through school because it is convenient.

"One day Lorna, a British student who taught English composition, confided to me, 'I wouldn't dare mark anything wrong on themes. I don't know whether these are errors or just American idiom.' How much do you suppose her students learned, Todd?'"

"Not much, I guess. But it isn't like that in Christian schools, is it?"

"No, Todd. Most of these schools don't have graduate students, anyway, so they couldn't have them teach. The real professors with master's and doctor's degrees teach freshman courses and lay the solid foundation that I believe is essential."

Mr. Brier chuckled. "Well, Todd, I guess you know now that I believe every Christian young person owes it to himself to spend at least one year in a Christian school unless the Lord definitely leads him not to for some reason."

"Thanks, Mr. Brier. I know where I'm going to be a freshman—at a Christian school."



That Means We Need $56,736.13 More

Though $193,263 has been received via gifts, investments, or pledges, work on the Grace College dormitory will not begin until $250,000 has been given, invested, or pledged.

The need for the dormitory-cafeteria is a desperate one. Everyone who has seen or lived in the present facilities knows that, especially when he considers the prospect of future student growth.

Bids for construction of the eighty-two-room dormitory and cafeteria have already been received. The low bidder is known!

Obviously, what must be done must be done quickly by Brethren people and others who are vitally interested in having a part of the Christian education of important youth.

Gifts may be given directly to the school or through local church channels—marked for dormitory fund.

Investments go to the Brethren Investment Foundation, and pay 5 percent ($500 and over) and 4 percent (under $500). Further information is available upon request.

Pledge cards have been distributed in the Brethren churches. Money that is definitely pledged can be counted upon as plans are made.

CURRENT NEWS

MEMBER EPA EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION

FORT WAYNE, IND. The Grace College Male Quartet will present special music at the Grace Brethren Church here May 6. Glen E. Crabb, pastor.

SUNNYSIDE, WASH. Leo Polman presented a series of messages on Christian stewardship at First Brethren Church Apr. 8-11. H. Leslie Moore, pastor.

PORTLAND, OREG. The spring rally of the Northwest district SMM was held at the Grace Brethren Church here Apr. 7. Neil Beery was host pastor.

DENVER, COLO. Dr. Luther L. Grubb, Los Alamitos, Calif., executive secretary of our Brethren Home Missions Council, was guest speaker at a meeting of the Church Extension Commission of the National Association of Evangelicals held at the Denver-Hilton hotel Apr. 11.

FORT WAYNE, IND. The cornerstone of the new First Brethren Church was laid in brief ceremonies following the Apr. 8 morning worship service. The masonry work on the new edifice is progressing rapidly. Mark Malles is pastor.

LANARK, ILL. Ralph Flickinger, 62, succumbed from a heart attack Apr. 3. He was a faithful supporter of our Brethren work and attended, with his wife, our annual conferences.

WOOSTER, OHIO. Dr. Charles H. Ashman, Sr. of West Covina, Calif., was the guest speaker at the First Brethren Church on Easter Sunday morning.

WINONA LAKE, IND. Luke Kauffman has been elected president of the student body of Grace College for 1962-1963 school year. Larry DeArmey was elected vice president, and Miss Carolyn Bauman was chosen as the secretary.

ALBANY, OREG. Nelson E. Hall, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, reports an increase in attendance at the communion service Apr. 8. Sixty-two percent of the available membership were present.

CONEMAUGH, PA. Glenn Byers, pastor of the Singer Hill Brethren Church, reports that on Apr. 8 there was a record-breaking attendance of 154 in Sunday school.

ASHLAND, OHIO. James Marshall, Brethren missionary to Argentina, was the guest speaker at Grace Brethren Church, Apr. 8. Miles Taber, pastor.

KITTANNING, PA. Forty-seven decisions were recorded at First Brethren Church, William Schaffer, pastor, during the recent revival meetings with Evangelist Bob Collitt. Brother Schaffer reports that a proposed Christian Day School kindergarten in the church is now under consideration.

BELL, CALIF. The Bell Brethren Church, Harold Dunning, pastor, reports that recently they began building on the extension and remodeling of the sanctuary here. This will provide about 50 percent additional seating. Albert Balzer is the contractor.

DAYTON, OHIO. The congregation of First Brethren Church voted unanimously to request Rev. Richard Jackson, Jr. to fill the pulpit here until a permanent pastor is called.

HARRAH, WASH. A Youth for Christ Crusade was held in the Harrah Brethren Church Apr. 10. The Clairborne Brothers Quartet of Los Angeles was the featured musical attraction and Rev. Paul Yearout, Yakima Valley Youth for Christ director, brought the message. W. Carl Miller, pastor.

WASHINGTON, D. C. James Dixon has accepted the call to become pastor of the newly organized Grace Brethren Church of Greater Washington. The present meeting place of the new church is the North Forestville Elementary School about seven miles from the D. C. line. The new work is planning to permanently locate in suburban Washington.

DAYTON, OHIO. William A. Steffler concluded his ministry at First Brethren Church Apr. 22. He has assumed the pastorate of Suburban Brethren Church, Hatboro, Pa. Brother Steffler's temporary address until sometime in June will be 9341 Lansford St., Philadelphia 14, Pa., and the telephone number will be HO 4-2048.

BUENA VISTA, VA. Edward Lewis has resigned as pastor of the First Brethren Church, and will conclude his eight-year ministry about July 15 to become pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Palmyra, Pa.



JACKSON, MICH.

Recently we had the first baptismal service in our Jackson, Mich., mission church. Six people were baptized by trine immersion. We borrowed a baptistry and facilities of another church. The pastor had announced our service and some of his people came to observe the service. One elderly gentleman came up afterwards and said he enjoyed the service so much: "That is the way I was baptized many years ago." Recently we had eleven young people at the youth rally of the district held at our New Troy Brethren church.

—Gilbert Hawkins, pastor

ALTOONA, PA.

The First Brethren Church, Altoona, Pa., celebrated the 50th anniversary and dedication of our church Mar. 11. We had an anniversary reception on Saturday evening, Mar. 10, at which 160 people attended. Several who were at the dedication in 1912 were in attendance and were given special recognition. A quartet that sang 50 years ago was present and sang for us. They included Mrs. Flick, Mrs. Schmelzlen, Mr. Fisher, and Mrs. Mitchell. A large cake decorated for our 50th anniversary was cut by our only living charter member, Mrs. N. Morris, and our youngest member Gary Sorge. Pictures of by-gone days were displayed on a large screen, and brought back many memories of our church.

—Ralph Burns, pastor

Another Trophy of God's Grace

Grace! Grace! God's grace; and to God be the glory! are the only words which can describe the story of the Rosemont Brethren Church of Martinsburg, West Virginia.

In February of 1949, a handful of Bible believing saints began meeting nightly for cottage prayer meetings. Their purpose was to seek out God's will concerning the organization of a new church where the whole counsel of God might be preached. But little did they realize that within a few months God would erect a monument of His grace in answer to their prayers.

In only a matter of days after the prayer meetings had been in progress, Rev. Walter Lepp, of Hagerstown, and Rev. Paul Dick, of Winchester, felt strangely led of the Lord to investigate the possibility of a new Brethren church in the city of Martinsburg. Providentially they were directed to the group who had been praying. After much consideration and prayer, under the leadership of these two men, the new church was born.

The actual organization by the Home Missions Council took place on April 22, 1949, in the recreation room of Hose Company Number 3. It was here that Brethren Dick, Lepp, A. V. Kimmel, and W. A. Steffler met with fifty-five interested Christians and organized the new group.

From April until July 1949, various ministers fed the flock each Sunday from the Word of God. Then on July 10, the first pastor, Rev. M. L. Myers assumed the responsibility of shepherding the flock.

The new congregation was faced with many decisions, one of which was a meeting place. The Lord opened three places in which they were able to hold services. They first met in the recreation room of Hose Company Number 3, then in Fierro's warehouse, and finally in the City Hall. In spite of many hardships and trying financial experiences by October—only six months after organizing into a new church—they had purchased lots and begun work on a church building.

In less than one year, by September 3, 1950 the congregation met for the first time in their new building. And on October 22, 1950, the new congregation rejoiced as they dedicated their new building to the Lord.

The approximate cost of the present structure was $30,000, which included furniture and fixtures. The two lots (90' x 200') cost another $5,500. Over a period of twelve years, the congregation has paid an average of $3,000 per year on their new building.

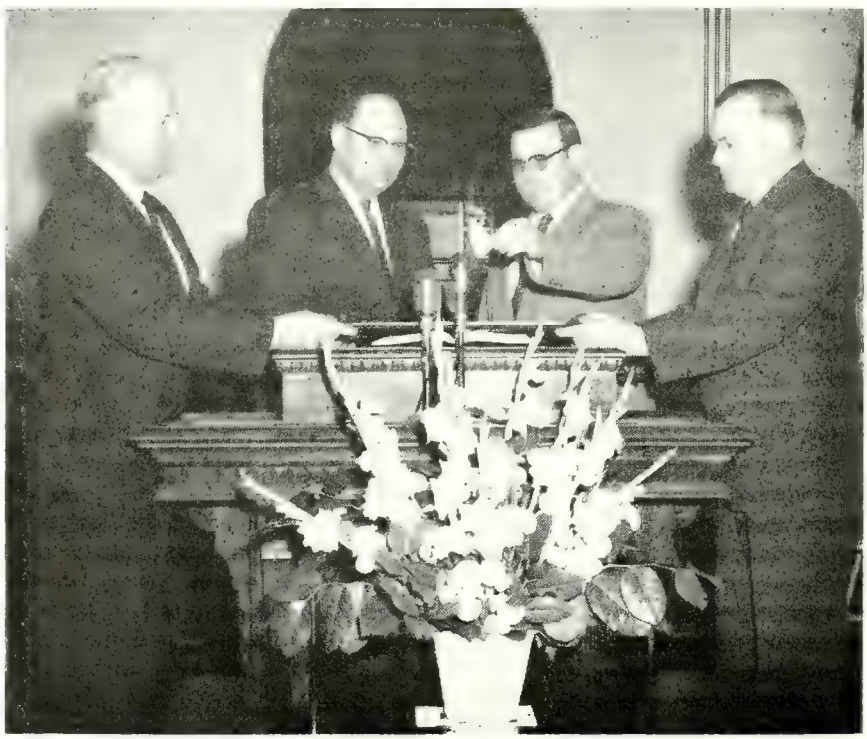
During February 1962, a "ROD project" was started. This was the (R)emove (O)ur (D)ebt project. The goal was set for Sunday, March 4, and again God has proven His faithfulness, for He supplied the need, the goal was reached, the debt was paid, and the Rosemont Brethren Church has reached another milestone in their history.

The Rosemont Brethren Church has had three pastors since its organization. Rev. M. L. Myers served for several years, Rev. Earle Peer then served for seven years, and at present the church is pastored by Rev. Irvin B. Miller.

This picture below was taken during the note burning service held during the morning worship service on March 11, 1962.

This special service was held in commemoration of the accomplishment of the congregation in paying off the indebtedness on the church building Sunday, March 4, 1962.

The service consisted of the following: Psalm 96 was read by the pastor; then a history of the church was given, while the pastor and trustees burned the note, the congregation rejoiced together as they stood and sang the song of praise: "To God Be the Glory," after which the pastor led the congregation in a prayer of thanksgiving and rededication.



From left to right: Fred E. Shaffer, Pastor Irvin B. Miller, Albert E. Stroop, and Claude T. Weatherholtz. (The three men are the trustees of the church for 1962.)

The Goal of Man's History

By Rev. R. E. A. Miller

Pastor, First Brethren Church
Glendale, California

Those who return from Europe's theological world seem to observe two basic schools locked in combat over the Christian Gospel. This may suggest that there has usually been this cleavage straight down the path of Christian history. Orthodox or classic theology has taught that the Christian church would prevail against the forces of evil through the preaching of the Gospel and the ultimate establishment of the kingdom of God by Jesus Christ when He comes to rule and reign.

In order to reject the Hebrew-Christian Biblical view, a contemporary optimistic philosophy has attempted to find the hope of bringing about a secularized substitution for the kingdom of God by "developmentalism" and social evolutionism.

The Question Being Debated

We are told that today's continental theology does not entertain the kingdom of God or any such "roseate dreams." In fact, the vital question does not concern the problem of how the kingdom of God is to come. The issue is whether or not history has any destiny or meaning. The person of Jesus of Nazareth in the Gospels is the focal point of the debate. The Biblical Christian position on the continent is ably defended by the learned Basel professor, Oscar Cullmann, who is not publicized in the American press for his "anti-liberal" stand.

Redemptive History

This interpretation of the Gospel is designated often by the German word *Heilsgeshichte,* meaning Redemptive History. The core idea is not only that God is interested in man's history, but also that God has a purpose and goal for that history.

The Christian Gospel is rooted in history because in Jesus of Nazareth, God has acted in history for man's redemption. Therefore Jesus must be the focal point, or "midpoint in history," which requires history to have a goal and destination. Since God has already acted in Jesus to give history meaning and significance, according to the Scriptures, God will ultimately bring history to its consummation in the kingdom of God. There is hope then for modern man in history and its destiny because God has shown himself to be the God who acts in history. In today's world, this is indeed the Gospel—good news.

Mythology in Place of History

Germany today is under the spell of one, Rudolph Bultmann, now retired, who for thirty years was professor of New Testament at the University of Marburg. We are told that his pupils fill many leading university posts in the German theological world. They no longer believe such a Gospel. That God has acted in history in Jesus of Nazareth, as the Bible relates it, is relegated to mythology.

The place where God acts is in human existence, not in historical events. Therefore no answers are forthcoming to the pressing contemporary questions: "Where are we going? What is the goal of history?" All he can say is, "Today we cannot claim to know the end and the goal of history. Therefore the question of meaning in history has become meaningless." The "historical Jesus" and His message are relegated to Judaism and are therefore not a part of the distinctive New Testament Gospel. This means the "man Jesus" was mistaken in proclaiming the imminent end of the world and the appearing of a heavenly kingdom. Yet somehow He was "the bearer of the Word of God."

The Disciples' Interpretation

This "word" transmitted to His disciples made such an impact that following His death they interpreted His significance in the "myths" of the resurrection from the dead, ascension to heaven, and His return to earth to establish His kingdom. Modern man cannot accept all this ancient mythology. But at the same time he attempts to rescue a message from the mirage of myth. In fact, the main purpose is said to be to save the Gospel for the modern man who can no longer accept the mythology of it. Strangely enough, though embodied in the mythological terms of a God acting in history, the Word of God confronted men and brought them into "authentic existence."

Modern existential philosophy is called upon to describe the essential message boldly declared to be "Christian."

A Faith Without Facts

We are left without any factual record of the life and personality of the historical Jesus. In fact, the diabolical twist here is that a faith which needs a trustworthy record of the life and mission of Jesus of Nazareth is not genuine. We are told that faith must have God, and God alone as its object and not a figure of historical reality. What to do with Jesus? Make of Him merely a Jewish rabbi of the first century. Disturbed followers of this radical view have started a "new quest for the historical Jesus" who will be acceptable to modern faith. No one is predicting as yet where this new movement will lead.

Where is the Gospel—"good news"? The heart of the Gospel is the self-revelation of God in historical, recorded events in One, Jesus of Nazareth. Is it offensive to modern man with his ideas of "history"? This was no less an offense to ancient man. The truth in the "scandal of history" is to be found the message of salvation for man and his only hope for the future. There is no other Christian Gospel.

Reasons for Regular Church Attendance

In view of the indifference commonly manifested in regard to attending church, an examination of legitimate reasons for regular church attendance is in order. Three such reasons are the following: (1) God has commanded this for His children; (2) our need so requires; and (3) the day of judgment is approaching. Let us examine these three reasons somewhat at length.

The first and most powerful of all reasons for regular attendance at church is the fact that *God has commanded it.* The most explicit of all teaching to this effect is set forth in Hebrews 10:25, which reads: "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." Thus we see that the matter of regular church attendance is not left up to the mere whim of the moment. It is the express command of the Lord that we do not stop going to church as some folks have done.

At this point an interesting thing arises. This command sets forth the duty of *Christians*—"Not forsaking the assembling of *ourselves* together." God's command to the *un*saved is to become a Christian. In Acts 17:30 we read: "God . . . now commandeth all men every where to repent." Church attendance without true repentance and faith in Jesus Christ is worthless. One must first receive Jesus Christ by believing on His name (see John 1:12). When one has done this, then God's command for believers regularly to assemble becomes effective.

Excuses for not regularly attending

church are often offered by persons who claim to be Christians. Some typical ones are as follows: 1. I can worship God much better out among the wonders of His creation; 2. I do not need to listen to someone stand up and tell me what to do—I can read the Bible for myself; 3. I live better than many church members do.

One sufficient answer to all these and many other such objections is simply that found in our text in Hebrews 10:25. God says not to stop going to church. All the excuses in the world cannot nullify God's command. However, let us examine these three excuses a bit and point out some other things also.

The first excuse that one can worship God much better out among the wonders of His creation, even *if* it were true, does not mean that one should not worship God in the church environment as well. Furthermore, generally those who offer such an objection, in practice, do *not* worship God when they are out among the wonders of His creation—they do not even think about such things; or, if they do, it is often a sentimental communion with nature type of thing. None of this is meant to suggest that one cannot worship the transcendent God when confronted with the magnitude and power of His creation. Of course we may, but this does not negate worshiping Him among His saints as well. Actually, it should enhance it!

The second objection that one does not need another person to stand up and tell him what to do; that one can read the Bible alone, displays an unteachable attitude. Unless one is willing to be taught, God cannot teach him in any manner. Also, if you should ask one who offers the foregoing excuse if he actually does read the Bible in regular fashion, generally the answer will be *no*.

The third object that one lives better than many church members do may be true! However, it does not excuse! In the first place, not all church members are true Christians; many have never experienced the spiritual birth; thereby they do not become new creatures in Jesus Christ. Because there may be hypocrites in the church does not excuse one from coming; even Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve Apostles, turned out to be a traitor! In the second place, not all church members, even though they be genuine Christians, are living mature Christian lives. But this does not excuse others because "every one of us shall give an account of himself to God" (Rom. 14:12). In the third place, although you may be excelling certain professing Christians in some things, if they are being obedient to God's command to attend church regularly; whereas you have disregarded it *at this point*, they have excelled you!

The second reason we have given for regular attendance at church is that *our need so requires*. If we fancy that we can get along by ourselves, we are greatly mistaken. The religion of Jesus Christ is not a solitary thing. Rather, it is a matter of fellowship, worship, and exhortation. To deny oneself these things is to deny what we need and what God has commanded.

By Neville Arroues

If we do not feel the need for regular attendance to hear the Word of God preached, and to fellowship with other Christians, it is symptomatic of a deep spiritual malady. Let this be repeated. *If we do not feel the need for regular attendance at church, it is an indication of deep spiritual sickness.* Furthermore, to neglect church attendance is actually to cast one's vote against the church.

The Christian who is truly walking in the light as God is in the light, is having fellowship with other Christians, as well as experiencing constant cleansing by the blood of Jesus Christ (see I John 1:7). His need has become a felt need, and going to church has become a pleasurable thing. His attitude is like David's, who wrote: "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD" (Ps. 122:1). He now asks himself: "What will be said or sung that I can apply in my life?" "What will be done at church which will be a help to me?" "How can I be a better Christian?"

The spiritual Christian is one who knows the value of united prayer offered in the name of Jesus Christ (see Matt. 18:19-20). He yearns for Christian fellowship. He possesses great hunger to be spiritually fed through hearing the Word of God read and preached. He realizes the powerful testimony that faithful attendance with God's people, backed up with consistent living, can display. (How great the responsibility for a minister when conducting a service for such Christians!)

The third reason we have given for regular attendance at church is that offered by the text itself—"and so much the more, *as ye see the day approaching.*" Because the day of God's judgment is coming, we should be all the more eager to come together for the purpose of exhortation, and to encourage one another "unto love and . . . good works" (Heb. 10:24).

In this modern day in which the judgment of God has been soft pedaled, this reason has almost faded into insignificance. Yet; if we can but grasp the truth as revealed in the Bible, this will not be the case. The Word of God has a great deal to say about God's judgment, and we ignore it only to the eternal peril of our souls. *It is an adequate and driving motive for attending church regularly.*

Now that we have considered these things, what is your decision respecting your own life? If you are not yet a Christian, will you now become one? If you are a Christian, will you be faithful in regular church attendance in the future? Have you come to the place where you have a deep spiritual yearning to be at God's house with God's people when the doors of the church are open? Do you realize that God's judgment is imminent, and that you need to be prepared? Has God's command yet reached your heart and become a reality in your life? *Remember*, the Bible says in Hebrews 10:25: "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more . . . approaching."

Let's Talk SUNDAY SCHOOL

By Rev. Harold H. Etling
Director, National Sunday School Board

WHY SUNDAY SCHOOL . . .

A pastor recently asked me: "Why all the emphasis on Sunday school? Is it really worth the effort that is being made?"

Of course, you know the answer, for I believe in Sunday school. Before I had an opportunity to put on paper the answer to his question, another reason for Sunday school came to me. I was leading a workshop at the National Sunday School Association convention in Phoenix, Arizona. A man came in a bit late, and sat down at the rear of the room, watching me with unusual interest, even sitting on the edge of his chair. He broke in with a question, beginning with "May I ask a question, Harold?" I should know this man! But I could not recall where I had met him, or why I should know him. The session ended, and he found his way to the front of the room to talk with me. He is the pastor of a fine congregation in Tempe, Arizona. I listened carefully as he rehearsed the activities of his life during the last twenty-five years. I had not seen him, nor heard of his ministry since he left for college. The thrill of the reunion came as he reminded me that it was in the high-school class I was teaching that he made his decision to serve Jesus Christ. I have been sold on Sunday school for many years, but as this trophy of God's grace stood before me in Phoenix, I praised Him again for the way in which He continues to bless Sunday school teachers.

Why do I believe in Sunday school? Because in the Sunday school we have the unsaved at the right time of their lives to make decisions for Jesus Christ. In the Sunday school God's Word is the textbook, and "faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." In the Sunday school pupil's are taught how to study the Bible, and to apply its message to their own lives. In the Sunday school opportunity is provided for pupils to worship and to receive training each on his own level of understanding. In the Sunday school, teachers have opportunity to teach both by lip and by lives lived in accordance with the Word of God. In the Sunday school, basic principles are laid that guide boys and girls as they mature into manhood and womanhood.

The Sunday school as we have it today is the church's greatest asset and its whitest harvest field. The Sunday school is the answer to the Lord's great commission, "Go . . . Teach!

ANOTHER FIRST . . .

Rain and floods did not dampen the spirit of fifty-three pastors and superintendents of Brethren churches of Southern California who gathered on the campus of Biola College recently in an all-day study of Sunday school materials and methods.

With a faculty of eight Sunday school leaders, these pastors and superintendents faced the problems of present-day Sunday school, and returned to their own schools knowing that the Sunday schools of The Brethren Church are now entering into the period of their greatest opportunity and usefulness.

Our church has a great heritage. Through the Sunday school, these pastors and superintendents are determined to teach their pupils in such a way that they will have gratitude for this heritage. They are convinced that Jesus Christ is the answer to the problems of the present. They left the conference determined to present Him in such a way that their pupils will know by personal experience the strength which He gives to meet the challenge and opportunity of the hour. In a day when the lights of the world are going out, these men and women, knowing that Jesus Christ is "the light of the world," went home to "let their light shine," as they present Jesus Christ both by lip and by life.

It was a real joy to hear these Sunday school workers respond to the challenges of the day, and to know that they are anxious to make their Sunday schools vital in this day.

A UNIQUE SUNDAY SCHOOL ADVANCE!

Have you ever heard of Bible baseball? Have you ever heard of a Sunday school baseball league?

Here is one in which not a single baseball game will be played, and yet one that is taking on the color of a real competitive season!

Thirteen of our Sunday schools of the Southeast district are entered upon a unique Sunday school attendance drive in competition with each other. A schedule has been arranged that puts these thirteen schools in a "Southeast Sunday School League," and every Sunday, each of the Sunday schools compete against one other school of the district, with a winner and loser each Sunday. Averages of wins and losses are computed and the standings published weekly, much like the standings of a baseball league. The contest has been developed by Mr. Lambert Myers, superintendent of our Sunday school at Virginia Beach, Virginia. All reports seem to indicate that the competition will be extremely keen. We believe that as a result of this contest, the eyes of other districts will be looking toward the Southeast. We will keep you aware of the contest as it progresses during the next few weeks.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir:

I wish to commend you and your editorial staff for the fine and very timely issue of the March prophetic Herald. If you have extra copies available, I would like to have at least ten for distribution to friends and prospective Christians here in my town.

G. V. S., Washington Court House, Ohio

Dear Editor:

The special issue is good. Please send 200 extra copies.

R. C., Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Dear Sirs:

I certainly was happy to receive the special prophecy edition of the Herald. I am wondering if you have extra issues of this edition. I think they would be excellent as a means of advertisement to give out on visitation.

C. T., Galion, Ohio

Dear Sir:

A relative sent me a copy of the Brethren Missionary Herald (the special prophecy edition) dated March 31, 1962.

Every article in it is Scriptural and so very helpful. I would like at least six copies to pass on to others.

C L., Kokomo, Indiana

Dear Sirs:

We enjoy the Herald very much and would surely miss it very much if we couldn't get it.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. S., Whittier, California

Gentlemen:

I am interested in obtaining two dozen copies of the special edition concerning prophecy. All the articles were very much enjoyed, and I feel it would be a tremendous edition to give to my unsaved friends.

Mrs. B B, Dayton, Ohio

Dear Editor:

Just a line to greet you in the name of the Lord and let you know that we appreciate the work you are doing with the Missionary Herald. We fail to get a great many issues (due to mail problems), but those which do arrive and get in our hands are greatly appreciated.

J. K. A., Icoaraci, Brazil

Dear Editor:

I have been receiving the Herald since I have become a Brethren (three years). I would like to see more helpful material like Dr. McClain's "God's Will" series, the article concerning the Jehovah's Witnesses, and the editorials. These have been of much help and interest to me.

R. L. C., Warsaw, Indiana

COVER PHOTO—FOREIGN MISSION ISSUE



Displayed here is some of the ceremonial dress of the Baya people of the Central African Republic. In the "new Africa," about which more and more is being heard these days, scenes like this may become fewer and fewer.

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Foreign Missions in Depth

By Rev. Clyde K. Landrum

When The Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church was organized, it was a great day for The Brethren Church. That signaled the beginning of our seeking to fulfill the Great Commission to go into *all* the world with the message of salvation. Thousands of souls have been won to Christ in foreign lands since that fourth day of September 1900, and much has been done to establish Brethren churches around the world. Today we have approximately as many members of The Brethren Church in foreign lands as we have in the USA. Not only has the work grown over the years, but we have also come to the stage which I like to call "depth in foreign missions."

It is true that our missionaries still are winning lost souls to Christ, building them up in the faith, and helping in the establishment of churches. This is vital, and all-important. But there is a sense in which we are seeing this accomplished in an even deeper and richer way than in the early beginnings of the work. Let me give some illustrations:

In this issue of the *Missionary Herald* you will find articles by two young people in Argentina in which they are sharing with us their passion to reach the Indians of Argentina for Christ. These two are "second generation" Argentine national workers, for they are son and daughter of two of our older national pastors. How wonderful to have the Argentines challenge us to pray for them in their missionary endeavor! This is what I like to call "Missions in Depth!"

For years we have been teaching people in Africa to read and write. This was necessary if they were to make normal progress in the study of God's Word. Today we are establishing well-planned, adequately-housed, and capably-supervised French schools from grade one through the seminary level. The purpose of this is to go beyond just training an individual Christian to take his place in the church of the Lord Jesus Christ; it is to prepare him to "teach others also" to do the same thing. And, this same type of Christian day school is being established in the Portuguese language in Brazil for the additional purpose of protecting our boys and girls against reprisals for taking their stand as Protestants.

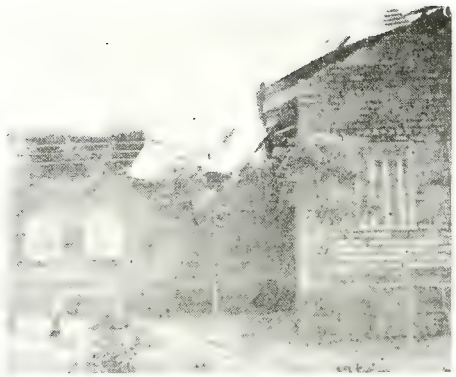
Language is one of our most formidable barriers in reaching people for Christ in foreign lands. We have always felt that our missionaries should speak the language as well as the nationals do. But where can such missionary candidates be found? The Lord is helping in this "foreign missions in depth" language angle by giving us some such candidates. This fall it is planned to send the Phillip Guerenas to Mexico. Brother Guerena is the son of Mexican parents and surely should be able to stand up to the Mexican people language-wise. Edgar Nelson Fay was born in Latin America and reared in Argentina. He and Mrs. Fay are scheduled to go to the field of Argentina the last of this year or the first of next. The Fays will have a real "assist" language-wise in their work in that land.

It is great to teach people to read, but they must have something worthwhile to read! This year it is hoped that the whole Bible in the Sango language will be ready for the nationals in our section of Africa. We have bookstores at Bangui, Africa, and Macapa, Brazil. We hope before the end of 1962 to have similar outlets for gospel literature in Bozoum, Africa; Rio Cuarto, Argentina; and Icoaraci, Brazil. This surely is a great step forward in the "foreign missions in depth" program.

For many years Africans have been taking over pastoral responsibilities in their area. We are coming more and more to this program in our other fields. The great job that is being done by our missionaries to get youth work, WMC's, Sunday schools, radio broadcasts, and works among our laymen going is further evidence that we are experiencing "foreign missions in depth." But what does all this mean to us here at home?

As we see our foreign-mission program expanded, enlarged, and deepened, our responsibility becomes a "Responsibility in Depth!" We should praise the Lord for the souls that are won, for the Christians who are built up in the faith, and for the establishment of Brethren churches in foreign lands. But surely there must come a keen thrill to our hearts when we realize that we are having a part in this deeper and broader ministry. Since the responsibility of supporting our foreign-mission program rests upon us, the Society members, we will need to "give in depth" to support "missions in depth." We will need to increase our giving over last year and still send out the new missionaries "over and above." Surely we will want to "pray in depth" that we might back up the missionaries and national workers. And, as we do this, surely the Lord will give to us a deeper, richer, fuller "Joy in Depth!"

REPORTS OF THE B.I.









Top to bottom: Children's dormitory, boys' wing; a B.I. student home; Cochran-Ringler home—truck not scratched; frangipani tree.

(Excerpts from missionary letters)

We thought we had a storm the other night. That one was nothing. In my room where it is seldom necessary to close the shutters (there is no way to close the top half of the door which is screen), the first storm just twisted the calendar around on its string seven and a half turns. This one (yesterday) blew the nail out of the wall!

The angry-looking clouds gave us adequate warning, so we had the house shut up and were waiting. The storm struck at 4 p.m. (March 26). For fifteen minutes we stood at our front door speechless, watching as one tree after another went crashing to the ground, wondering how much longer we would have a roof over our heads, praying for God's protection. It was a long fifteen minutes, and then for another twenty-five minutes after the wind subsided the rain beat down unmercifully, accompanied by thunder and lightning.

By the time the rain had stopped, several Africans had come up to see if the missionaries were all right. And some of the missionaries went down to see if the Africans were all right. Everyone was all right, but destruction was great.

Not one house in the student village was undamaged by this storm. Those houses still standing had "windblown" hairdos. Across the road in the workers' village, two houses had fallen. In both villages many more houses had great holes in the walls, or one side of the roof caved in. The African children's school is in ruins for the third time since the storm of 1957.

At the missionary children's dormitory, one corner of the roof was rolled back as if an anxious child had torn the wrapping from a package wrapped in aluminum foil. On the back side of the house the job was more complete. The curled, twisted aluminum roofing was strewn on the ground. Inside, it was wet! Children were everywhere. Some had dustpans, some had buckets, some had brooms. All were barefooted, all were scooping water or sweeping water. Water was still dripping through the intact but saturated ceilings. A search for dry beds in the children's rooms ended by finding one dry—fifteen wet. Only the master bedroom was dry. The other end of the house (kitchen, dining room, living room) remains "livable." So the children are farmed out for sleeping and return to the dorm for eating. Lois (Ringler) and I have four girls, the Ruths (Kent and Snyder) have four boys, and the Hockings have added two more boys to their family.

There is more damage. The garage and radio room almost buckled under the weight of a big tree. The roof is damaged and the walls cracked. The dispensary roof almost took flight. The steel bands holding the roof in place jerked loose several rows of bricks on the veranda pillars. Another big tree fell in front of the print shop, but no great damage there. Score upon score of trees are down, blocking every roadway there is. Some are very large trees with their roots reaching skyward. Other trees are broken off halfway up; others half fallen, leaning against their stronger neighbors. One frangipani, a round bushlike tree, is turned absolutely upside down, its trunk straight up in the air.

Amidst all this ruin, only one man and one child received minor injuries. Not a life was lost. For this we praise the Lord. It has been a real demonstration of His keeping power. —Rosella Cochran

STORM IN AFRICA

We registered our students on March 13. Before we got away from the school building at noon, a terrible storm came up. The hail was big and lots of it. Of course, that left us shaking. The twenty-third we had what might be described as a bad storm. After it was over I came out to the stockroom to get some books for Don Miller. Some time ago we had had the room fixed so bats could no longer get in. Much to my disgust a bat was flying around in my office. I went into the stockroom to discover that the storm had blown the gable end of the building down through the ceiling. A great open door for bats! Yes; there were trees down, which we could see the next morning. Everyone pitched in to clean up. We jokingly said B. I. should have a revolving storm fund, for we could really keep it rolling.

Then came March 26. We could see a storm brewing most of the day. About 3:30 we all began to run for home, to close doors and so forth. Ruth (Kent) and I stood at the front door watching the storm. All at once the rain started going in every direction. I said: "Oh, oh, here we go!" Trees started hitting the ground in every direction, too. We stood or sat while the elements howled their fury all around us. Yes; you can believe we were frightened. I sat down saying to myself: "What time I am afraid I will trust in thee."

When the wind calmed a little, the pastor was making his rounds to see if the missionaries were all safe. I could have wept. He had already made the rounds of the B. I. village to see how things were there. His own house roof had lifted up twice, but being tied to the wall, it came back on the wall, but at a very unusual angle! Yet he left his family and the people in the village to find out about us. He told me that I would not be able to find my way around the village, for there were so many houses down. It is true that the village is changed. The village children's schoolhouse is ruined. But we are still awed to think that when the storm was over, we were all here safe and sound. We do not know how to thank the Lord enough.

Four of the boys slept at our house that night. They wanted to sing, so we pumped the organ and had a song service. It was weird. We did not have lights, for the lines were down. But the Beaver boys, Paul Goodman, Kim Cone, Ruth, and I sang as loudly as we could: "Master, the terror is over, the elements sweetly rest." What could be more fitting. And so we tried to rest, too, but the wind howled all night.

I wish you could have seen our B. I. students. They were wonderful. The thunder was still rolling and the rain falling when they got out to start "Operation Rebuild." Everyone was so thankful to be alive and able bodied that no one grumbled. . . .

If our letters are a bit excited, forgive us. As you can see, we have had a little more than usual. We have heavy burdens with the work, too. There is so much to do but never enough time to get done the things we want to do. —Ruth Snyder

P.S. Ruth and I have been planting trees! We think we need a windbreak.—R.S.







Top to bottom: Road [illegible] can children's schoo[illegible] radio room—tree being chopped away. (All pictures by Rosella C[illegible]

STANDING OF THE CHURCHES

Showing Percentage of Increase of the 1961 Foreign Mission Offering Over That for 1960

These churches increased by more than 100 percent—

1. Lansing, Mich.
2. Kokomo, Ind.
3. Kettering, Ohio
4. Galion, Ohio
5. Harrisburg, Pa.
6. Uniontown, Pa.
7. Beaver City, Nebr.
8. Toppenish, Wash.
9. Whittier, Calif. (Community)
10. Mansfield, Ohio (Grace)
11. Radford, Va.
12. Barberton, Ohio
13. Leesburg, Ind.

These churches increased by less than 100 percent—

	Percentage
14. Wheaton, Ill.	95
15. Sunnyside, Wash.	86
16. Modesto, Calif. (McHenry Ave).	79
17. Anaheim, Calif.	75
18. Long Beach, Calif. (Los Altos)	71
19. Rittman, Ohio	67
20. Warsaw, Ind.	61
21. Hagerstown, Md. (Calvary)	57
22. Washington, D. C.	54
23. Jenners, Pa.	52
24. Parkersburg, W. Va.	51.5
25. South Pasadena, Calif.	51
26. Ankenytown, Ohio	50.6
27. Everett, Pa.	50.3
28. Stoystown, Pa. (Reading)	49
29. Conemaugh, Pa.	44
30. Virginia Beach, Va.	41
31. Bellflower, Calif.	39
32. Kittanning, Pa. (N. Buffalo)	38
33. Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	37
34. Tracy, Calif.	36
35. Washington, Pa.	35.5
36. Winchester, Va.	35.3
37. Glendale, Calif.	34.8
38. Fort Wayne, Ind. (First)	34.4
39. Osceola, Ind.	33.4
40. Pompano Beach, Fla.	32.9
41. Dayton, Ohio (Grace)	32.8
42. Grand Rapids, Mich.	31
43. Portland, Oreg.	29.7
44. Sacramento, Calif.	29.5
45. Altoona, Pa. (Grace)	28.9
46. Winona Lake, Ind.	28.3
47. Modesto, Calif. (LaLoma)	28
48. Meyersdale, Pa. (Summit Mills)	27.87
49. Trotwood, Ohio	27.84
50. Palmyra, Pa.	27
51. New Troy, Mich.	26
52. Lake Odessa, Mich.	25.4
53. Accident, Md.	25
54. South Gate, Calif.	23.6
55. Middlebranch, Ohio	23.4
56. Phoenix, Ariz.	23
57. Clay City, Ind.	22
58. Spokane, Wash.	21.5
59. Grafton, W. Va.	21
60. Aleppo, Pa.	20
61. Wooster, Ohio	18.51
62. Roanoke, Va. (Wash. Heights)	18.49
63. Philadelphia, Pa. (First)	18.37
64. LaHabra, Calif.	17
65. South Bend, Ind.	16.9
66. Hopewell, Pa.	16.8
67. Gardena, Calif.	16.6
68. Inglewood, Calif.	16.3
69. Listie, Pa.	15
70. Clayton, Ohio	14.7
71. Alexandria, Va.	14
72. Hagerstown, Md. (Gay St.)	12.5
73. Covington, Va.	11.09
74. Ashland, Ohio	11.02
75. Seattle, Wash.	10.5
76. Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio	9.9
77. Norwalk, Calif.	9.2
78. Duncansville, Pa.	8.93
79. York, Pa.	8.86
80. Alto, Mich.	8.5
81. Dallas Center, Iowa	7.2
82. Waterloo, Iowa	6.91
83. Dayton, Ohio (N. Riverdale)	6.90
84. Danville, Ohio	5.5
85. Elyria, Ohio	5
86. Los Angeles, Calif. (Community)	4.7
87. Allentown, Pa.	4
88. West Alexandria, Ohio	3.3
89. Garwin, Iowa	3.2
90. San Jose, Calif.	3.18
91. Albuquerque, N. Mex.	2.8
92. Conemaugh, Pa. (Pike)	2.4
93. Hollidaysburg, Pa. (Vicksburg)	1.8
94. Englewood, Ohio	1.3
95. Albany, Oreg.	.32
96. Troy, Ohio	.29

THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

Clyde K. Landrum, Director Box 588—Winona Lake, Ind.

KNOWING YOUR MISSIONARIES—



Mrs. Minnie Kennedy has served faithfully in Africa since 1925 when she and her husband first went to the field. After a few years Mr. Kennedy passed away, but his wife has continued her service in Africa. She is active in the teaching and translation work. Her station for many years has been Bekoro, in the northern part of our field. She is home on furlough right now, but in June she will return to Africa.



MEET TRINCO—He is a new type of Missionary Helper! He belongs to Rev. and Mrs. Keith Altig and lives in Brazil. This picture was taken quite a while ago, so Trinco is probably a big dog now and helps protect the mission property against thieves. His name means "latch or door fastened" in Portuguese.

MISSIONARY HELPERS



Jean Widmyer, Mabton, Washington (First Brethren Church, Grandview)



Debbie Tamkin, Hagerstown, Maryland (Grace Brethren Church)



Martha Hill, Long Beach, California (Los Altos Brethren Church)

MARY MISSIONARY--

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Are There Still Indians in Argentina?

By Eunice M. Siccardi

(FMS editor's note: The articles on these two pages were w by Argentine national Brethren young people, both of whor graduates of our Bible institute there. Miss Bertha Abel, translated the articles and sent them to the FMS office, "You might want to comment that these articles are not to a for funds from up there. This is to be the 'foreign missic project, the Lord willing, of the Argentine Brethren Church

The traveler who lands or docks at Buenos Aires finds a modern and progressive city with industry, work, entertainment, and movement. Then he may leave the capital and go inland on any one of several roads. Some of the cities and towns are richer, some poorer, but from the aspect of the buildings and the life flowing from country and cities, he sees the impulse of civilization.

Even in passing through the poorest sections it would seem that Indians no longer exist in Argentina and that if they did, they would be assimilated into the civilization. And this is what the majority of Argentines also believe. But a few Christians who have sought to do His will, to take the Gospel to *everyone,* have discovered the existence of Indians hidden in the mountains. There the missionary has found them and will continue to find them in his search for lost souls, and there they still remain fighting poverty, abandonment, and fear of evil spirits. One can find them in the south or in the northern extreme of the country. In the south there are "Arauncanos," "Tehuelches," and "Onas"; in the north there are six or seven different kinds: "Tobas," "Matacos," "Chorotis," "Churupies," "Pilagares," and others.

So far I have been among the Indians of the north two different times. I have seen the immense need among them on these two trips. Some of them have left the mountains to look for work in the towns. Even on the outskirts of these towns their huts are primitive, almost without any furniture, and with the ever-present fire burning in the center of the hut or else right outside the door. For cooking utensils they use earthenware jugs or pots plus a few spoons which they buy from the white man. The fruit of a certain plant which is oval-shaped, hollowed, and split in half, and which also has a long, narrow extended part on one end that serves as a handle, is used (according to the size) for a plate, spoon, or bowl in which to keep food. The mothers carry their children straddled on their hips.

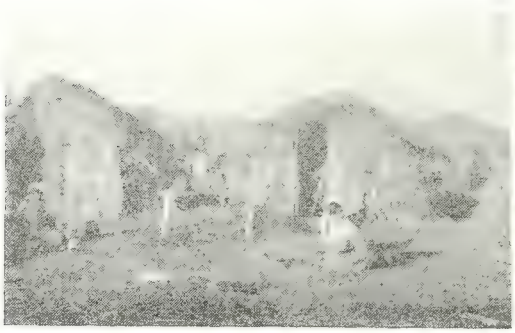
Some of the more intelligent men (especially among the Tobas and Chirihuanos) have obtained jobs as truck drivers or machine operators in the oil refineries or sawmills which abound in northern Argentina. But the vast majority are sunk in ignorance. The missionaries are the ones who have made an effort to teach them and who have seen that schools are built for them. Besides this, the missionaries themselves have taught the Indians to read, reduced some of their dialects to writing, and translated part of the Bible for them.

But the missionaries and mission stations are few. There is an entire province called "Misiones" with several thousand "Guaranies" to whom no one has ever taken the Gospel. The Indian is looked down on by the white Argentine of the north. What is even sadder, there are very few doctors who bother to treat them. Only the witch doctors, who entreat the power of the demons, try to heal them. So *far not one Christian doctor* has responded to the cry of need of these Indians. And neither have we as children of God and as the Argentine Brethren Church done anything for them.

At night, while sitting comfortably in any of the modern hotels in the cities of northern Argentina, if everything is still one can hear the sound of the drums and the cries of the Indians back in the mountains. They have given themselves over to their dances and drunkenness. And having seen and heard them we will be responsible for their lost condition unless we try to reach them for Christ.

And while you too, fellow Christian, are sitting comfortably in your home enjoying the benefits of civilization and your salvation in Christ, I want to bring to your ears that sound of the drums. On hearing it, pray—be much in prayer for these Indians. Pray because they are given over to Satan; pray because they

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Left to right: Huts made with bamboo poles and covered with sugar-cane leaves; Eunice Siccardi with a Chorote Indian baby; huts under construction.

An Indian Cast Into the Fire

Argentines are asking from the States is prayer. . . . So far work is still in the planning stage. Eunice Siccardi—a trained rse—is ready to go, but she cannot pioneer the work alone. Vic- has also dedicated his life to this work among the Indians, t he still has a year and a half of postgraduate Bible institute ldies. There are several other young people who have answered s call but still have several years of preparation ahead of them.)

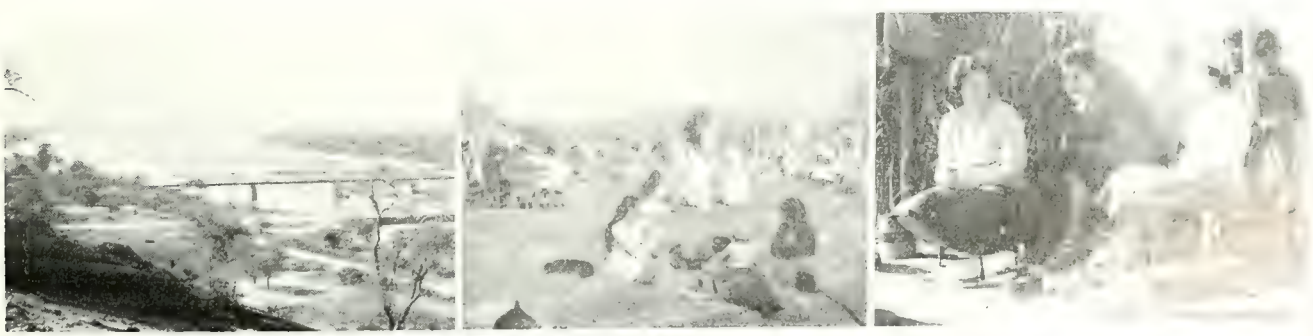
By Victor R. Wagner

The year of 1947, when I was a boy ten years of age, we visited the various churches in the United States, and I remember that my father was announced as an Argentine pastor. This aroused a certain curiosity in many as to what an Argentine would be like, and it would really surprise many to learn that the majority of Argentine citizens are of European descent. Today, at the beginning of 1962, if you were to go to an Argentine city or town and ask if there are Indians there, it is very probable that people would laugh at you (as they did at me), and say as a professor said a few months ago: "Today Indians are found only in a museum," or at the most that they have been completely assimilated into civilization. If this is true, then that museum must be quite large, because Indians still exist—thousands of them.

We were able to prove this during a trip that the Lord permitted Eunice Siccardi, Tita Perez, Pierina Adreani, and me to take recently. We had the opportunity to be in close contact with a lot of Indians: we slept several times in their huts. During the cold weather they keep coals burning brightly in their huts. They sleep on beds the size of a double bed and made with straight poles placed side by side and covered with straw, which serves as a mattress. Those who are able to have more comforts use beds made with interwoven strips of leather (woven like a tennis racket) and covered with a sort of blanket which they themselves weave and weave very well. The clothing of those who live near a town is ragged and there is very little of it. Those who live in the jungle wear either nothing or next to nothing. In the midst of this poverty and neglect it is, nevertheless, a joy to have Christian fellowship with them, and they are in turn a source of inspiration in sincere faith and a great love for the Lord.

In Embarcacion (a town in the province of Salta) there is a settlement of 400 Indians almost all of whom are believers. *Five times a week* they go to the mission for services in Spanish, and *the other two days of the week* they meet in the chapel on their reservation for services in their own tribal tongue. They do this latter primarily for the women, who understand little Spanish, and in these services they repeat the messages heard at the mission. (Do we have a desire to meet every day to study God's Word as they do?) When the first service we attended there was over, a line of 250 or 300 Indians was waiting to shake hands with us. Although our arms got tired toward the end, it was a joy to greet them, and a joy to know that they and we are brethren in Christ.

But, I would like you to consider for a moment the fact that those Indians who do not belong to Christ live in a very sad spiritual condition, subject to the power of Satan and evil spirits. Several of the Christians told us about their lives before they came to know the Lord. They lived in fear because of the evil spirits and the witch doctor. They robbed and cheated, lived with concubines, and went to parties that turned into drinking sprees, which lasted a week or two. And *that* is the *actual condition* in which thousands of Indians are now living. These Indians belong to tribes which are completely different, differing one from another in their physical features, their dialects which are not even similar, and their personalities. All of them are rejected and looked down on by the white man, and even by those who are a mixture of white and Indian. Nevertheless, this is not our greatest concern because *they are also under the yoke of sin and are condemned to hell for all eternity unless they hear the Gospel of Christ* and believe in Him and accept Him. Brethren, the important thing is not social work, but rather an intense, immense, and arduous labor of proclaiming Christ—and He does the rest. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be



Left to right: The Bermejo River; the Chorote Indians during Sunday morning service; Pierina Adreani, Marta Perez, and Eunice Siccardi in front of hut where they slept several nights.

A REMINDER

Four months of 1962 are already history. Although it is much too early to make any predictions on the 1962 foreign mission offering, it is a fact that to date the funds reaching the FMS office are somewhat behind those at the same time a year ago. Pastors and people are hereby urged to keep this matter before the Lord in view of the great need on our mission fields. Offering report blanks and instructions have been mailed to all churches for the convenience of financial officers in sending their reports to the FMS office.

There is the earnest desire that churches and individuals increase their giving by ten percent in 1962, and that all missionary outfit gifts and project gifts be "over and above" the regular offerings for foreign missions. Many challenges confront our missionaries—and great things can be accomplished for the cause of Christ on our mission fields *this* year only through *your* prayers and gifts. We're counting on *you!*

added unto you" (Matthew 6:23).

Hasn't anyone gone to tell them about Jesus Christ? Yes; praise the Lord, servants of the Lord have been raised up to work among them. There are brethren of different denominations, and there are evangelists who have been raised up among the Indians themselves, all of whom are trying to cover an enormous field. One missionary alone is trying to cover an area of 225 miles, going from place to place in his jeep. However, in this way months pass by before he is able to return to the same group, and so these new Christians —babes in Christ—receive very little spiritual food for growth. But that isn't all. There are *vast areas* where there is *no work at all!* And there are Indians who just recently have seen a white man for the first time, and who still hide from the white man.

And how shall they hear, if there is no one to preach to them? You might ask, "Would they be willing to listen?" Yes! Although their hearts are drenched in sadness and gall because of sin; nevertheless their hearts are not hardened, and there is a spiritual hunger and thirst. In one place we found a Guarani Indian. When we told him about the God who created all things, he looked at us sadly and said: "Yes, I believe, but I can't help but be afraid of God." If they don't know the story of salvation in Christ Jesus, what else can they imagine except a God of wrath? The young son of a missionary told me that when they arrived for the first time at a village named Rivadavia to preach the Gospel, the Indians there accepted it joyfully; but suddenly they became sad and asked: "Why didn't you come sooner? Then the ones who have died would have heard and been saved."

Brethren, for whom are the words of Ezekiel 33:8 if not for us—some going and some praying? Who will be the watchman to give the call of alarm to the Indians? Brother and sister in the Lord, pray that He will send more laborers into His harvest; pray for those who are already willing to go, that they will do it in the fear of the Lord and out of love for Him and the lost souls. Pray that the obstacles that Satan tries to put in the way will be removed. Pray that the necessary equipment and salaries for the workers will be supplied. Pray that a jeep will be made available for the work there because without a jeep it would be impossible to reach the Indians that are in the mountains. Pray that we will be able to have a hospital, doctors, nurses, and schools so that the Indians' condition might be improved. But, brethren, PRAY, PRAY, PRAY that souls will be saved because the Indian who "was not found written in the book of life *was cast into the lake of fire*" (Rev. 20:15).

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don't have a doctor to treat them, nor do they have clothing or food for their children much of the time. Pray that the Lord will take us to them with the Gospel, that in His riches He will supply their needs, and that one day there before His throne many brown faces will testify to the wonder of their salvation and to the immense joy of having found Him and accepted Him as Saviour and Lord of their lives for all eternity.

PROTESTANT WITNESS— THE WORLD FRONT

The Missionary Research Library of New York has recently published some interesting world figures. Listed as serving in countries away from their homelands are 42,250 Protestant missionaries, and of this figure USA and Canada claim 27,219. Missionary agencies in Britain have 7,000 workers, and 15,000 have gone forth from Europe, Australasia, and South Africa collectively. From the newer churches in other world areas one hundred missionaries are registered. The growth in the number of national workers gives figures which are still more impressive.

These figures reveal the fact that the missionary force of the church has increased threefold in sixty years. When we survey the need, however, the work that awaits to be done humbles all missionary-hearted Christians.—The Flame.

Newsmakers

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TOPPENISH, WASH. Rev. Carl Miller was the guest speaker at the ground-breaking service for the new Grace Brethren Church here on Apr. 15. Donald Farner is pastor.

TAOS, N. MEX. The kindergarten program of the Christian day school, of the Canon Brethren Church, Mrs. Helen Maestas, teacher, broadcast over station KKIT on Apr. 13.

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA. The spring rally of the Iowa district WMC was held at the Grace Brethren Church, Apr. 19. Roy Dice was host pastor.

DAYTON, OHIO. On Apr. 22 the First Brethren Church congregation presented Rev. William Steffler and his wife with several gifts and a generous check in their farewell to them.

ALBANY, OREG. Lee D. Burris, member of the Grace Brethren Church, is now serving as a chaplain in the U. S. Army in Germany. He is presently holding the rank of captain and is serving two chapels, holding two services each Sunday morning and teaching a Bible class. His wife is teaching a Wednesday morning Bible class for women.

DAYTON, OHIO. Larry Gegner, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church at Trotwood, Ohio, was the guest speaker at the Sunrise Easter services of the Patterson Park Brethren Church. Nate Casement, pastor.

INGLEWOOD, CALIF. The First Brethren Church observed "Brethren Elementary Night," on Apr. 15, at the evening service. Richard P. DeArmey, pastor.

DALLAS CENTER, IOWA. Sports-a-rama Youth Rally was held here Apr. 27 and 28. Forrest Jackson was the host pastor.

MANSFIELD, OHIO. Randall Poyner, senior student at Grace Seminary and a candidate for our work in Central African Republic, was the guest speaker at the Grace Brethren Church, Apr. 1. R. Paul Miller, Jr., pastor.

LANCASTER, PA. Sunday school and morning worship attendance records were broken on Apr. 15. There were 131 in Sunday school and 140 in the morning service. William Tweeddale, pastor.

WOOSTER, OHIO. Rev. Kenneth Ashman is the new moderator of the Northern Ohio District for 1962-1963.

LONG BEACH, CALIF. The Southern California-Arizona District will hold its annual conference at the North Long Beach Church May 7-11. George O. Peek will be host pastor.

TAOS, N. MEX. Rev. Sam I. Horney reports that on Apr. 18 they had 76 participating in the threefold communion service at the Canon Brethren Church.

ALEXANDRIA, VA. On Apr. 15 after the morning worship service the congregation voted overwhelmingly to begin construction on their new Christian educational building at once. John Burns is pastor.

DAYTON, OHIO. On Apr. 15, the final day of the special evangelistic campaign held at the Grace Brethren Church, Everett Caes, pastor, all previous Sunday-school attendance records were broken. Bill Smith was the evangelist.

AKRON (Fairlawn), OHIO

We want the Herald readers to rejoice with us on God's blessings upon Fairlawn Brethren Church since Jan. 1, 1962. There have been fourteen public decisions in regular church services, plus a junior boy in his Sunday school class, and the reconsecration of some eight or ten members of the church. We have had the privilege of baptizing ten—three husbands and wives, and a daughter of one couple, a brother of college age and his sister of intermediate age, and a high school senior girl. Two more high school girls await baptism. Then, in addition to this another husband and wife united with us from another church, and another young married couple became members. The man in this last pair is an announcer with the Cleveland Moody F-M Station WCRF-FM.

We have a prayer prospect list of some fifty additional souls in preparation for the approaching revival. In addition to our regular midweek prayer service we have a Friday night Prayer Cell project in which we meet specifically for intercessary prayer. God certainly has been blessing and honoring this type of ministry.

—Raymond E. Gingrich, pastor

PLANNING TO MOVE?

When you plan to change your address, please notify the Brethren Missionary Herald at once. It is costly to us when you move and do not notify us immediately. We must pay the post office ten cents for every Herald that is returned after you move. Therefore, we would greatly appreciate your cooperation. Use a standard government change of address card, or a post card. Be sure to give your old address as it appears on this issue and your new address. Mail to: Brethren Missionary Herald Company, Box 544, Winona Lake, Ind.

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 30 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Church	*Date*	*Pastor*	*Speaker*
Clayhole, Ky.	May 1-13	Robert Dell	Herman Hein
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio	May 6-13	Richard Burch	B. Schneider
Dayton, Ohio	May 6-13	Russell Ward	T. W. Wilson
Fremont, Ohio	May 6-13	Thomas Hammers	Lex Smith
Jenners, Pa.	May 6-13	Kenneth Wilt	

TV QUESTIONS for the CHRISTIAN

By

J. W. Mellick

TV is now in almost every American home. A TV set is in almost every "Christian home." There were questionings about it and arguments "pro and con," but it is there nevertheless. It is said that right is right if nobody does it, and wrong is wrong even if everybody does it, so what is the situation among Christians today?

Perhaps a few honest questions will help us clarify the picture. First, let it be admitted that many educational "shows" are to be had and enjoyed profitably. Further, there are releases of programs of definite spiritual value, such as those produced by Moody Institute of Science. These have terrific impact for good, along with a few other such releases, but do these offset the other programs produced? One could claim to fight a fire with a water pistol too, but the comparative effect might be questioned.

There are certain programs that might be termed as "neutral" as far as the "good or bad" aspect is concerned; yet that which consumes time and wastes life is not for the Christian. We are to "redeem the time," and are exhorted to "think on these things," which refers to things that are positively good and spiritual.

We may well question the source of the majority of programs. Are they produced by Christian minds, and to what type of mind are they slanted? They aim to please the public, but is it a "Christian public" that is being pleased? We are warned not to "love the world, neither the things that are in the world." Does TV help us to keep this Christian exhortation? This question almost answers itself—it is so obvious!

We might well ask if Christians "held the front door" against the productions of Hollywood by not attending the theater; then welcomed Hollywood "in the back door" via TV? For what reason the change? Is it somehow "sanctified" by its presence in the sanctuary of our home? Some sponsor pays the "admission" to be sure. We personally judge this to be one of Satan's "half-steps." When a Christian will not take a big whole step into evil, Satan provides two small half-steps. As a result, it is not uncommon to hear "Christians" arguing: "Why not go to the drive-in or regular theater, we see the same thing on TV." This reasoning reminds us of the fellow who was

charged with killing his parents. His defense pleaded mercy for him because of "his being an orphan." Beware! A rattlesnake in the living room is still a rattlesnake.

Think of the home! Would any Christian begin to allow the killing, lying, lustful and suggestive acts, and indencency of dress actually to take place before his family? Are these things not real in a certain sense of the word to the TV viewed whether young or old? What reasoning permits "personality plus" individuals to so cast a spell over us with sauve manners and subtle words as to allow our families to be the target of beer and cigarette solicitors? Let them walk in the front door in person and do the very same thing! Out they would go and—quick! What compromising "dupes" are we if we allow this in our home unchallenged?

Do we suppose that we can counteract the bad with the "good influences" of Sunday school and church services, and private teaching? The man who seeks to "neutralize" the running faucet by the use of a mop while he lets the water run is not counted sane!

Have we forgotten the patterns for future thought and actions are being formed within the impressive minds of children? People will wonder "why did they do it?" and the truth will be that some future action will be the result of following a hidden pattern made years before.

Is it uncommon for us to reason that children don't "catch on" to that which is morally "off color" or suggestive. First of all, we must not underestimate what the child grasps, at least in part. Suppose that he understands nothing at the moment, though usually the scene and atmosphere gives him an inkling. Regardless of how much is understood, a dormant seed of evil awaits the awakening of the child in adolescent years. The "growing conditions" becomes "right," and "seed" lodged in the memory begins to grow and bear its unwanted fruit.

We would not infer that the adult is immune from TV dangers! We would be foolish to harbor such a thought! The writers of the New Testament urge us "to seek those things which are above," if there be any virtue . . . think on these things." Jesus spoke of cutting off hands, plucking out eyes if they offended, or caused one to stumble. How much mercy would He show to some inanimate mechanical device used contrary to Christian edification? Unless we use extreme caution, we see it as an awful hindrance to the cause of Christ! Certainly, apart from rare cases, it takes the mind of the unsaved and occupies it so that he gives little thought to eternal things. For Christians, it takes the "sharp edge" off our Christian testimony! Without great carefulness we cannot have a clear, clean conscience free from offense.

What would Jesus watch . . .?

As a Christian parent" we certainly would choose a "babysitter" of good character and influence. As parents we give our children good, clean food, water, and air. We protect them from poison. That which the eye and the ear receives reaches the soul bound for eternity. It is here of all places that the child needs protection. Where will he find it if not in the home? The problem may be difficult and delicate, but certainly by the Christian, it must be dealt with!

We cannot but believe that this question is vital to many readers. Situations vary in families as to religious backgrounds. There will be also variations according to ages of children in the home. Some already have iron-clad rules and regulations which they have had from the word "go." Others started out with good intentions and resolutions, but there has been a gradual lapsing, and just how to reclaim the lost position is the present problem.

"What would Jesus do?" "What would Jesus watch, and what would I watch were He sitting visibly with me in the room?" are good questions. As we went along a street of houses topped with a certain type of TV antenna, we thought how much like crosses they looked, and then wondered about the verse, "crucifying Christ afresh."

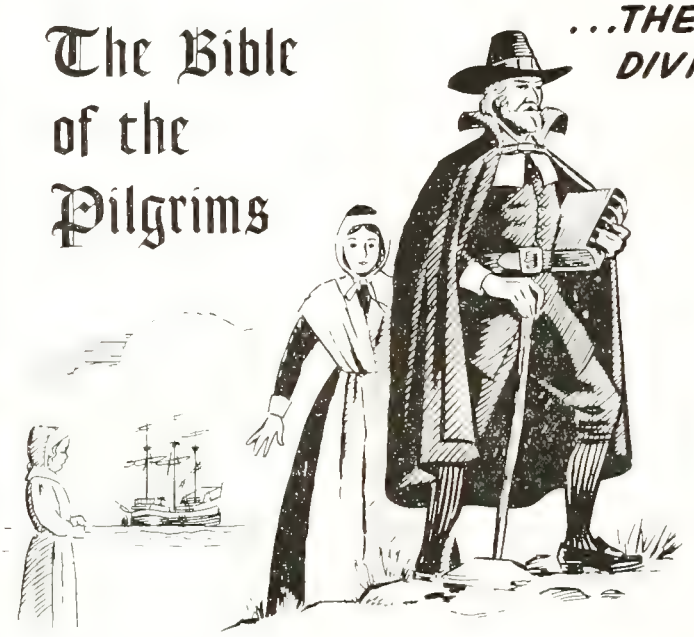
In our own home, we have found it much easier and safer for children and adults to forego that which is legitimate and even good, lest we invite and be exposed to that which is time-consuming and harmful. Someone says: "Don't your children ever want to go to the neighbors to see some special program?" Yes; this is permitted with the limitation of that program.

We have five boys ranging in age from fifteen, thirteen, ten to the twins seven. "Don't your teen-agers ever 'break over' and get in on a program not on the 'approved' list?" Perhaps this is so, but it is the exception rather than the rule, and the overall family picture is far superior than it was with TV. There are times when one is tempted to wonder about, and wish for, the "entertaining" abilities of TV when things get noisy and "out of hand." However, our children use most of their time in studying, reading, drawing, and creative play with an occasional fight in between. We could appreciate and use the educational programs that are to be had, but still, the peace of mind and conscience is worth [illegible] not having TV. We have tried both.

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NEW BOOKS

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THE CHRISTIAN ANSWER TO COMMUNISM. Thomas O. Kay. Zondervan Publishing House, 1961. $1.95.

Christianity and communism are carrying on a life-and-death struggle. The problem is that most Christians aren't aware this war is going on. This book with its easy-to-understand and crisp commentary is designed as a group study guide, as well as a personal volume. Its purpose is to inform, and this it does without excess verbiage—almost bluntly. Make these facts your own, and you will be better equipped to face the realities of the day in which you live.

MANY INFALLIBLE PROOFS. Arthur T. Pierson. Fleming H. Revell Company, $3.75.

This is a study of the evidences of Christianity to establish the claim of the religion of Christ as the one and only divine religion.

For those who find faith clouded by doubt and for those who in established faith would dispel such shadows for others, here is a veritable arsenal of evidence supporting the Bible's authority and Christianity's province.

In *Many Infallible Proofs,* the Christian religion is depicted as inviting and challenging the severest and most rigid tests of argument and experiment.

LOOKING UNTO HIM. Frank E. Gaebelein. Zondervan Publishing House, 1961. $3.

These 376 daily devotional meditations come out of the life and experience of one who is not only a nationally known Bible expositor, but who is also widely recognized as a leader in Christian education. The result is a collection of unusually edifying, practical, and thought-provoking messages.

I SAW THE LIGHT. H. J. Hegger. The Presbyterian and Reformed Publishing Company, 1961. $3.75.

I Saw the Light is the spiritual autobiography of a young Hollander, trained in the priesthood of the Roman Catholic Church, who, in the course of his preparation for teaching in a Grand Seminary in the field of philosophy, came to realize that "he could not live with himself until he was certain who he was, and why."

This book is a window from one man's soul looking in upon a religion and way of life which he came to reject. And it is a door opening out into a new way of life.

ALL THE MIRACLES OF THE BIBLE. Herbert Lockyer. Zondervan Publishing House, 1961. $5.95.

Now and again, in a generation a book appears so distinct and unusual in its concept that it is destined to become prominent in its particular field of study. Such a book is the monumental work of Dr. Lockyer, for never before have Bible lovers, and all who preach and teach the sublime truths of the Word, had before them a single volume dealing with the miraculous as found in the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. Thus we are given a complete survey of the supernatural in Scripture.

THE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IN THE LOCAL CHURCH. Gene A. Getz. Moody Press, 1962. $2.95.

This book has a twofold purpose. It is for use as a text by students of Christian education in Bible institutes and Bible colleges who are preparing for service in the local church. It is also for pastors, directors of Christian education, and laymen in the local church who are called upon to direct and supervise Vacation Bible Schools. The book is designed so that the reader follows a month-by-month sequence, and when he puts into practice what he has read, he will have planned, conducted, and followed up a Vacation Bible School. The book also shows how the VBS fits into the total church program and correlates with all of the other educational activities.

COMING EVENTS IN PROPHECY. M. R. DeHaan. Zondervan Publishing House, 1962. $2.50.

Dr. DeHaan deals definitely and clearly with the eight last events of the end time. He stresses the place accorded to the Lord's return in the writings of Paul, John, James, Peter, and Jude. Thoroughly, but briefly, the teachings of the Rapture, the Tribulation, and the Millenium with related truths are covered, and with kindness and frankness some disordered views are corrected.

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DAVID KING OF ISRAEL. William M. Taylor. Baker Book House, 1961. $2.95.

The contents of this Bible biography book consists mainly of the exposition, defense, and application of the Scriptural narrative. It was said that Taylor's sermons were so constructed that every sentence was a definite step toward his goal. This is true of the chapters in this book. The style is such as to inspire any preacher or speaker. The result is an outstanding homiletical and expository series of biographical sermons with warm and spiritual applications. This book furnishes excellent material for series preaching.

EVANGELISM IN DEPTH. Team members of the Latin America Mission, 1961. Moody Press. $2.25.

Here is a refreshing report from Latin America, of united spiritual effort against a common foe. National churches and foreign missionaries—denominational and non-denominational—all working [illegible] months to achieve one common goal of reaching a whole nation for Jesus Christ.

BRETHREN DAY OF PRAYER—TUESDAY, MAY 15

Praise and Prayer

FOREIGN MISSIONS

PRAY for the Lord's direction as a Brigade work is begun for the boys at Waimalu, Hawaii.

PRAY for Manuel Tendouli, a senior nurse at Yaloke, Africa, whose health is very poor and the cause has not been discovered.

PRAISE the Lord for another trained Brazilian who will begin a new work in Capitao Poco. Pray for Joao Barbosa.

PRAY for the Argentine church as they desire to begin a work among the Indians in northern Argentina.

PRAY for the work at Calexico-Mexicali and for the Mexican pastor as he directs the people in a building program.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRAY that our Sunday schools shall catch the vision of "Doubling in This Decade."

PRAY that the Loyalty Campaign that is now being conducted in our Sunday schools will cause Christians to be more faithful to the services of the church, and Sunday school.

PRAY for our director as he visits our various Sunday schools that he may have wisdom in counseling with them for the needs of their schools.

PRAY that the Lord shall lay it upon the hearts of those in our churches to support our work in a financial way that our needs might be met.

PRAY that our Sunday school teachers might be interested in their pupils as individuals for whom Christ died.

HOME MISSIONS

PRAY for the home-mission churches that will have to assume additional financial responsibilities because of the cancellation of building appropriations for 1962.

PRAY for the work among the colored people of Fremont, Ohio, and for improvement in the employment of these people.

PRAY for a harvest of souls from the contacts of the recent Easter emphasis.

PRAY for the preparation on materials for use in presenting the challenge of Brethren Home Missions during this coming season.

PRAY for the need of VBS workers in the Spanish-American, Navajo, and Kentucky missions.

YOUTH COUNCIL

PRAY for our championship quiz team who have returned from Puerto Rico that the Lord may continue to burden their hearts with the needs of the mission field.

PRAY for over thirty decisions that were made this past month in the ministry of the Youth Evangelism Team. Pray that these young people may stay close to the Lord.

PRAY for our Brethren Youth Conference for 1962 that will convene in August in Winona Lake, Indiana. Pray that God will speak to each of the speakers that have been selected that they will deliver timely and challenging messages.

GRACE SEMINARY, COLLEGE

PRAISE God for the great interest manifested in missions by the students during our recent missionary conference.

PRAY that our Lord will "send forth labourers into his harvest" as a result of the missionary conference.

PRAY for hearts and lives to be always yielded to the Holy Spirit in all matters of administration, in the classrooms and on campus.

EVANGELISM

PRAY that the evangelism offering taken on February 25 will enable the Board to increase the staff of evangelists.

PRAY that God will empower Bob Collitt for the campaigns he is conducting in the Eastern section of our States.

WMC

PRAY for our graduates throughout the Nation.

PRAY that WMC rallies might be arranged in the Midwest district.

PRAY that we might reach our goal in foreign-mission offering which is due June 10.

PRAY that the door in Argentina might stay open no matter what the political problem is.

SMM

PRAY God's blessing upon all our missionaries.

PRAY for the committee as they get the new programs together.

PRAY for each SMM girl that she will glorify Christ.

MISSIONARY HERALD

PRAISE God for the excellent response to the March prophecy edition of the Herald.

PRAY for the Lord's blessing upon the next special color edition scheduled for June 30.

PRAY that our churches will reveal a strong denominational loyalty in regards to subscription renewals to the Herald.

LAYMEN

PRAY for the completion of the Scholarship Fund.

PRAY for the national officers as they formulate plans for our meetings during national conference.

PRAY for spiritual maturity among the men of our churches.

PRAY for the presidents of our many local laymen's groups.

PRAY for a soul-winning passion among our men.

BRETHREN MISSIONARY

HERALD

MAY 12, 1962



Worldwide Easter Services

As the sun rose progressively westward over the world April 22, Christians of all races met the dawn with song and prayer, commemorating the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead twenty centuries ago.

The mode of worship differed, but the theme was the same: "He is risen, as he said."

In America, early risers gathered on mountain knolls, in valleys, beside lakes, and in graveyards to proclaim the resurrection message, in the tradition of the Moravians who are credited with starting the Easter sunrise service many years ago.

More than a quarter-million people attended sunrise services throughout Southern California. Some 20,000 jammed Hollywood Bowl for the forty-second annual service. Actress Mary Pickford read the traditional "Salutation to the Dawn" and actor Charleton Heston read "The Master Is Coming."

Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, editor of *Christianity Today* magazine, told more than 5,000 people in the Rose Bowl at Pasadena that after 2,000 years, Christ's resurrection is still history's biggest news. "Only the redeemed sinner can sing of victory," said Dr. Henry, "for he knows that the turning point of history is not Karl Marx and his economic determinism, but Jesus Christ and His atonement and ascension."

A million New Yorkers strolled along Fifth Avenue, jamming the thoroughfare in the annual Easter parade of fashion and frolic. The congregations of nine Harlem Protestant churches paraded with lenten hymns through New York's tenement districts, falling silent in the approach to a simulated empty tomb in Jefferson Park in re-enactment of the visit of the disciples to His tomb on the first Easter.

In the Wichita Mountains near Lawton, Oklahoma, the annual four-and-a-half-hour pageant of the life of Christ was timed to end with the rising sun. A cast of 1,000 has presented the story annually since 1926.

Radio Free Europe broadcast a full schedule of religious services and special Easter programming for the people of Communist-dominated Eastern Europe. Baptists, Mennonites, Protestants, and other faiths assembled for outdoor services at the Rock of the Garden Tomb near Damascus Gate. Easter 1962 was a holy respite, a welcome hiatus reminding a troubled world that One had conquered man's chief enemy and now offers hope of eternal life to all races and peoples.

—Norman B. Rohrer

COVER PHOTO—WMC ISSUE



This coming Sunday, May 13, we will commemorate Mother's Day . . . and our cover photo reminds us of the responsibility that is ours as Christian mothers to "train up a child in the way he should go"

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NOTICE TO PASTORS

Dear Pastor:

We suggest you contact your WMC president and ask for copies of the Pen Pointers. These booklets (8 in number) are our printed information material, and we want you to have them in your reference file.

You should be well acquainted with the plans, purposes and projects of this missionary organization in your church. Read pen pointer "What is WMC?"

The pen pointer to use at the period of foreign mission interest in The Brethren Church is "Beyond Our Borders," emphasizing foreign missions and could be used with profit in your entire congregation.

The WMC president or Pen Pointer Committee can secure them for you. She may have some on hand for immediate distribution.

Do you know that the monthly program material is sent to each WMC Council in a packet? The material in the WMC issue of the Herald is not subject material for the monthly meetings. It is supplementary material, both devotional and missionary in nature.

WMC is first, last and always missionary in emphasis.

Signed,
National Pen Pointer Committee

NOTICE TO WOMEN

Invite your pastor to attend your WMC program occasionally.

Consult him about special meetings and projects. Notice how many times the Pen Pointers mention cooperation with your pastor in missionary activity.

Have open meetings with the men, young people, SMMers as guests.

A missionary fair, with booths to represent each mission field is a good way to interest young people and children. In fact, everyone enjoys this visual glimpse of missions.

A devotional theme for May—

FISHBOWLS



By Mrs. Wesley D. Haller
Middlebranch, Ohio

Today, the president of our United States is living in a fishbowl. To obtain any privacy, he with his family is forced to retreat to Glen Ora. But what of the Christian? The statement has often been made, particularly by pastors' families: "It's like living in a fishbowl!" Without question, this is true. But is it not a fact that every born-again believer who chooses to take a definite stand for the Lord Jesus Christ is also dwelling in the proverbial fishbowl?

Those of us who have ever cared for fish know that the water in the bowl must be changed regularly. We put snails in the water to act as scavengers, and if a scum forms on the bowl, it is diligently scrubbed and removed. All too often the "fishbowls" of our Christian experience become dirty and clouded with the film of unconfessed sin. Satan takes advantage of our weaknesses, and attempts to convince our unsaved friends that there really isn't anything to this "Christianity" after all. What are some of the things that would cloud our Christian testimony, and how can cleansing occur?

A very popular word (or unpopular, as the case may be) in this day and age, is *inconsistency*. We as parents are sadly enough training our children to be quite adept at this art. How many children have been punished for a harsh, discourteous answer when in reality the answer was simply an imitation of something they hear daily in the home! How often burdened parents have come wondering why the offspring is no longer faithful to the Lord! An examination of years gone by almost always reveals that the pattern of the parents is simply being repeated in miniature form. Too often, we excuse our children from church services and spiritual activities, instead of encouraging them to put Christ first in *every* phase of their lives. The world is looking for just such "inconsistencies." Can this cloud of sin be removed? James 3:10 says: "Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be."

Still another film which clouds our "fishbowl" is that of *complacency*. America is certainly being lulled to sleep in the arms of materialism. We have become content to support our families in a manner considered luxurious in many foreign lands, content with pleasure-seeking in our free hours. Far more serious is the evident spiritual complacency of God's people. Some have no Christian testimony at all, and hence are no longer living in the "fishbowl" as far as the world is concerned. They have lost all identity with Christ, and like Peter would deny Him in order to avoid the scorning of the crowd. My friend, are you content with the things of this world? Are they more attractive to your eye and heart than the joys and blessing that God has promised to His faithful children? Take another look at your "fishbowl." Is it clouded with the film of complacency—either spiritual or material? "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest" (John 4:35). How we need to pray for the return of our "first love," for a burning desire to see souls brought unto Him, and for an uncontrollable urge to give generously and sacrificially of our material substance.

Now a film of *worldliness* appears. Again, we find it increasingly difficult to distinguish the Christian from the non-Christian. Some Christian young people today have no definite standards. Is it not because they are the products of an adult generation who has failed to teach them a definite standard in accordance with the blessed Word of God? Obedience to the Word and a submission to the leadership of the Holy Spirit will soon reveal whether or not a particular action is right or wrong (read I John 2:15-17).

Another defeating film in our "fishbowl" living is that of *discouragement and depression*. These are not to be scoffed at or thought lightly of, for the writer herself has experienced many such hours. At the same time, we have found the Lord able to conquer this. But there must be a realization of our utter helplessness and complete dependence upon the Saviour. We sincerely believe when Satan cannot touch us with complacency, inconsistency, or worldliness that he will indeed make every effort to attack us where we least expect it, thereby finding the line of least resistance. The depressed, discouraged Christian is rendered temporarily ineffective; but when victory is gained, how sweet the peace, how thrilling the testimony, how great is our God who can use these situations for His glory.

But what key is there to victory in all these things? How can we keep our "fishbowls" clean and sparkling for the Lord Jesus Christ? It is simple, but not always easy. The secret is a complete submission to His leadership day by day, hour by hour, moment by moment. Make His desires our desires. Make His love our love. Make His will our will. "My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work" (John 4:34).

IMPORTANT CHANGE

All WMC officers please note: The new Financial Secretary-Treasurer is:

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This is the fifth of a series on the Christian woman—

The Christian Woman

In Times of Trial



By Mrs. H. Leslie Moore
Sunnyside, Washington

How many times have we heard someone say: "I just don't know how anyone can go through such suffering without the Lord." We can heartily agree with this thought, for surely when we lean upon the everlasting arms of the Lord Jesus our trials and sufferings are easier to bear. In thinking on this subject I felt very inadequate to write upon it. However, in the past year I have been very close to some who have had heavy burdens and sufferings that to the mind and heart were too much for any human being to endure. Nevertheless, the Lord receives the glory from each of these individuals for His comfort in their hour of need.

As Christian women, we cannot fret and worry ourselves because of our circumstances because we know that those around us are watching carefully to see our reactions in every phase of our life. If we are not glorifying God in our attitude in the trying hour, we are not performing our task to the fullest degree. Colossians 3:17 says: "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him." Yes; this means in the face of adversity when we feel we must speak out or strike back at someone or something, yet we are to "do everything in the name of Christ." All our complaining and revolting will never make us feel better and will only cause others to look askance at us. Perhaps this could be a stumbling block in the way of another.

Job was a man who loved God and was greatly loved of Him; yet we know that God permitted Satan to try him in many ways. Job had a great testimony in his time of trial and said in Job 13:15: "Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him," and also in Job 1:21: "The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." I wonder if we can say the same thing when God permits a trial in our life. We will truly be "Women Manifesting Christ" if we can have such a testimony on our lips and really mean it in our hearts.

Our Lord himself had many heartaches to bear. He wept over the sins of Jerusalem, He wept when His friend Lazarus had died, He was in anguish in the Garden of Gethsemane when He prayed before His crucifixion. Certainly none of us has ever suffered as He did on the cross of Calvary when He took your sins and mine on himself. He truly was "a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief." We know He sought the comfort of His Father in heaven at such times. If our Lord, who was God himself, felt the need of this heavenly comfort, we should be eager to seek it as well.

There have been many songs written concerning the suffering of the saints, but perhaps this one has more comfort than any other—

"Oft times the day seems long, Our trials hard to bear;
We're tempted to complain, To murmur and complain [despair],
But Christ will soon appear, To catch His bride away,
All tears forever over, In God's eternal day.
It will be worth it all, When we see Jesus;
Life's trials will seem so small, When we see Christ;
One glimpse of His dear face, All sorrow will erase,
So bravely run the race, 'Til we see Christ."

We have the blessed hope as Christian women that some day Christ will come and take us out of this world of sin and woe. How thankful we should be that we know Him who is able to keep us until that day. Certainly our testimony should be as Job's in Job 19:25,26: "For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God." What a wonderful Savior He is to us, especially in times of trouble.

Dear WMCers:

This is a thank you note to all the WMCs of The Brethren Church. I greatly appreciate all the kind wishes and greetings sent me on my birthday. They were so many that it is difficult to acknowledge each one personally, so consider this a personal "thank you" to your group. May the Lord continue to bless and use you for His glory.

In His service,
Edith Geske

ASK--

AND RECEIVE!

By Charlotte A. Lohrbach

My prayer life wasn't up to par! 'Nuff said! We are told by our pastors to pray. We are commanded by Jesus to pray. "Ask, and it shall be given you" (Matt. 7:7). By God's Word we are taught how to pray. "Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you" (John 16:23). The Holy Spirit desires us to pray. "But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, keep yourselves in the love of God" (Jude 20, 21). If your prayers were like my prayers, they were an assortment of needs, prayed over in a hit or miss fashion. I prayed for people as I remembered them. I prayed for needs as I remembered them. I prayed for Christ-centered organizations as I remembered them. And my memory depended entirely on the Lord! I thank God for His faithfulness. I thank Him for prompting me in prayer.

Something was wrong! I knew it. Perhaps you know something is wrong with your prayer life, too. I wasn't bringing many of the "lost" to whom I had witnessed in constant prayer to God. Only a few Christian friends were mentioned to God for His blessing. I never thought of beseeching God for some organizations that served Him to His glory. Oh yes, I remembered a couple evangelists, some relatives, and missionaries. I neglected more than I remembered.

Something had to be done! God "stirred" me up. He made me see the great power in prayer. He showed me that anyone can have this power, even if they are completely helpless, physically. When you feel that you are of no earthly use to anyone, *God still can use you* powerfully in prayer. God can use your prayers to bring His love to a dying sinner. God can use your prayers to influence people to turn to His way. God can use your prayers to change lives, give new goals, bring joy. God can use your prayers to influence events and conditions. Everyone of His children has a great potential with God in prayer.

God is my helper. He gave me the idea of organizing my requests. Now, my petitions are brought to Him orderly. He is answering in a definite way. My prayers have a more workable partnership with God. I ask God to do His will, for His glory, with all mankind in Jesus name. He hastens to accomplish His purpose.

Would you like to better your prayer life? Maybe these ideas will help you. I used a postcard as a ruler and measured and cut out sixteen long strips. They are on lined paper as wide as the narrow side of the card. I labeled these and used a paper clip to hold them all together. When I pray I remove the clip and turn each slip over as I finish. (I know now that it would be less work to take a medium-sized loose-leaf notebook and label each page. I had always heard of prayer lists, so I really made lists. I think I like the size of mine better. You make yours as you are led of God.) The lists are labeled:

1. Christ centered organizations (Brethren church, YFC, BML, etc.)
2. Foreign missionaries—Brethren church (list found in Brethren Herald)
3. Foreign missionaries—other fundamental organizations
4. Evangelists (include conferences and rallies)
5. Home missions—Brethren church (include own church)
6. Sunday school pupils—(all I have taught)
7. Husband's relatives
8. Wife's relatives
9. Beloved Jews
10. Neighbors—beloved in the Lord
11. Beloved in the Lord (those to whom I witness, mostly unsaved)
12. Personal friends (unsaved and saved)
13. Childrens' friends and acquaintances (unsaved and saved)
14. Government
15. Needy of world—beloved in the Lord
16. Special personal requests

My prayer life is growing. I keep a pen with my lists. Names are constantly being added. My prayers are entreating more of God's wonderful love and works for mankind. They are not mechanical. I am more enthused about talking to God than ever. I love Him more than ever. I spend more time alone with Him. I can't wait to get to heaven to see the results.

I wish you knew my Jesus,
I wish you knew my Friend,
He's at the cross just waiting,
But the day of grace will end.

This world with all its turmoil,
Its struggle and its strife,
Will only last a few more years,
And then—eternal life.

Will you be there in heaven
With all your Christian friends,
Or will you be with Satan
In a hell that never ends?

Jesus came to die for us,
For all—for everyone,
He suffered there upon the cross
God's one and only Son.

Why then do you reject Him
And turn your back on Him?
For He's the only Saviour
Who can save your soul from sin.

So, sinner, won't you now repent
Be saved forevermore!
For soon it will be much too late
To reach the heavenly shore.

Toni York
Clayton, Ohio

WMC News

SOUTHERN OHIO DISTRICT. Greetings in Jesus' name. Below is a summary of the Southern Ohio District WMC spring rally.

On the Rock—Christ Jesus

The primary motive of the Brethren African Mission is to build an African church *on the Rock—Christ Jesus.* Miss Elizabeth Tyson took four African women and told us that they were "lively stones" in the African church. For her text she used I Peter 2:3-6.

The first woman, Jmgofio, could not learn to read—she tried and tried but just couldn't learn. She said: "What I have you are welcome to." This is a challenge to American women. God wants dedicated women with their talents. Whatever they are can you say: "What I have you are welcome to."

The second lady, Ilinoungou, was bubbling over with joy of the Lord. She could make coffee and could pray. All among her tribe she was known for making good coffee. This was her talent and she used it for the Lord. Are you doing the things in which you excel for the Lord?—maybe it is making good coffee.

Then one day they asked the third lady, Yimbili, to speak for the Lord, but she said: "I feel like a little peep." The other women said: "You will soon be cackling like the others." She was just a young woman and she felt very inadequate, but the Lord gave her strength to serve Him, and she did a very good job.

The last was Anna Longonea, or Mamma Anna. Now she is too old to work full time in the dispensary, but every day she goes to tell those in the wards of the Lord Jesus and His salvation. She uses every opportunity to speak for the Lord. Can you say the same?

These are the "living stones" in the church of Jesus Christ. In closing, Miss Tyson asked us to pray for five of the government men in the Central Republic of Africa. These five are Christians and were trained in our Brethren Mission.

These were the high points of the message Miss Tyson brought to the Southern Ohio District spring rally at the Clayton Brethren Church, March 27, 1962. Since she is our national prayer chairman, there was a backdrop with a silhouette of a praying mother, and above this was the theme ON THE ROCK—CHRIST JESUS. Each of the 160 ladies went home with the challenge of being a "living stone" for Christ Jesus and using her talents for Him.

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AFRICA—

Bruce Austin Robbins July 5, 1953
B.P. 36, Bossangoa via Bangui, Central African Republic

Dr. Austin Robbins July 11
B.P. 36, Bossangoa via Bangui, Central African Republic

Rev. Donald G. Hocking July 15
B.P. 21, M'Baiki via Bangui, Central African Republic

James Randall Hocking July 20, 1954
B.P. 21, M'Baiki via Bangui, Central African Republic

Miss Lois Ringler July 30
B.P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic

ARGENTINA—

Gail Marie Bishop July 22, 1952
I. Arias 3360, Castelar F.N.D.F.S., Argentina, S.A.

Mrs. Solon Hoyt July 29
Chiclana 1074, Don Bosco, F.C.G.R., Argentina, S.A.

BRAZIL—

Kenneth Paul Burk July 3, 1961
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil

MEXICO—

Harold Douglas Haag July 9, 1949
439 Sunset Lane, San Ysidro, California, USA

PUERTO RICO—

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IN THE UNITED STATES—

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105 Seminary Drive, Winona Lake, Indiana

Dr. Orville D. Jobson July 11
101 Fourth Street, Winona Lake, Indiana

Michael Stephen Marshall July 12, 1951
c/o Merritt Moore, New Vienna, Ohio

Rev. Robert S. Williams July 15
101 Fourth Street, Winona Lake, Indiana

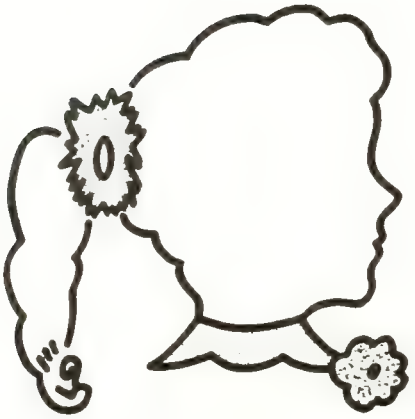
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Garwin, Iowa

Wilma Esther Mason
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Carol Ann Miller
221 Cloverdale Avenue, Modesto, California

GIRLS GLORIFYING GOD



"What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, ye are not your own?

For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."
I Corinthians 6:19-20



Ibouka Glorifies the Lord at Bafio

By Mrs. Jake Kliever

My name is Ibouka Helene. Ibouka is the name my people gave me and Helene is the name I chose for myself. I'm so glad that you are interested in the girls and women of Africa. I hope that some day we can get better acquainted.

When I was just a little girl, I lived in a small village between Bouca and Bossongoa with my father, his three wives, and my eight brothers and sisters. You may be sure I have many childhood memories. The one I like best is that of a man who frequently came to our village and called all of the people to come and hear a message he had for all of us. None of my family seemed interested and never went to hear him, but I felt I just had to know what this message was. If it was for everyone, I must be included. I started to talk and beg to go. What joy when finally I was permitted to go and hear this man.

How he did talk, and how I did listen! He told about God. Of course, we all believed in God. Then he told us what sinners we were. That was a bit hard to believe. I knew I never did anything really very bad, and I had a real desire to be good. Then he told how God loved us in spite of our sins and sent the Lord Jesus to save us. The message on the death of Christ convinced me that I really must believe in Jesus to be saved.

I became a *converti*. I started attending all of the converts classes and reading classes, which is expected of all good converts. Also I kept after my family to come and believe as I did. Soon my mother and a couple of brothers came. They too believed. We all went to classes together.

One day I noticed one of my brother's new friends. He was a convert too. Pretty nice! You know how that goes. I learned that Pierre had been saved through the witnessing of his mother. Before long I got acquainted with him and the family. Before too much longer, I knew that one day I would become Pierre's wife.

Quite some time later we were married at Bouca. Soon after the wedding we moved to Bangui where Pierre did carpenter work. We were faithful in our church attendance and village meetings. When one of the missionaries started evening Bible classes, both Pierre and I enrolled. We had a real desire to know God's Word better. I am a very timid person and the thought of going to classes almost made me ill; first, because I was afraid of the white people, and secondly, because I read so poorly. You can imagine how I felt when one day the teacher asked how many in the class would like to take the examination for entrance at the Bible Institute at Bozoum and Pierre put up his hand. I almost died. How could I go to school? I wasn't well, I didn't like to study, I didn't like strange people and places, and I couldn't even read well. Oh, so many reasons why I couldn't go. Still I didn't want to hinder my husband from preparing for the Lord's work. The missionaries and others in the classes and in the church assured me that the Lord would help me. After many prayers and tears and special reading classes, I was ready to go.

Now after three years at the Bible Institute and two years back in Bangui I can see how the Lord has answered prayer. For one year now Pierre has been the pastor at Bafio, one of the three churches in Bangui, and I as the pastor's wife have been able to help in the work. The Lord has given me health and has removed the fear which used to hinder my testimony for Him. I now teach a Sunday school class and work with the Ouali ti Tene Ndjoni (WMC), but I am finding my greatest joy in

working with the AMM girls (SMM). All of this keeps me busy, but praise the Lord, I am His and I can serve Him! Ephesians 6:10.

NOOZ FROM YOOZ

CANTON, OHIO. The Middler girls from this church have been outdoing themselves in their service for the Lord this year. Some of the things they have done are: roll bandages, collect tax stamps, set up the church library, make and model an article of clothing, help with the special music for church services and SMM meetings, serve as receptionists in the church lobby, give a Thanksgiving play, plan and serve a dinner for the ladies and girls of the church with Mrs. Williams, missionary to Africa, as speaker. Along with their work, they have enjoyed some times of wonderful Christian fellowship at a slumber party and at an ice skating party. They feel it is a real joy to serve the Lord in any way that they can.

TROY, OHIO. The Middler and Senior SMM girls had their April meeting and began with devotions and ended with styling each other's hair. In March they had a crazy style show in which the Little Sisters and Juniors helped them model in the "Can't Be Copied Shoppe." The decorations were green and white shamrocks and hats. Sounds fun!

LAKE ODESSA, MICH. The Senior SMM girls have been busy for the Lord this year. At Christmastime they sent Christmas cards to the elderly people at a nearby medical center. In December they planned and served a delicious meal for their mothers. They celebrated the SMM birthday in April with a joint meeting of the two SMM groups of the church.

Attention All SMM Girls and Patronesses

1. The *National SMM Board* (which includes all national officers, district patronesses, and district presidents) will be meeting on August 10 and 11 at Grace College. The time has been set at 9:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., and the place will be in the chemistry room. If your district patroness or president is unable to attend, be sure to send a representative.

2. There will be no bandage rolling next year. Something new will take the place of this. However, a Bandage Queen will be chosen this year, so keep rolling, girls! A report of the bandages rolled between September 1, 1961 and June 15, 1962 is to be sent to the district bandage secretary by July 1, 1962 with the name and address of the girls who rolled the most.

3. You should have received your statistical blanks by now. They were sent to the district patronesses. If you did not receive one, contact your district patroness. Let's all get our blanks in on time this year. They are to be sent to the district secretary and district patroness by July 1, 1962.

4. Watch for the announcement of the conference program next month. We will be meeting on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday at 10:00 to 10:45, and on Thursday at 4:00 p.m. for the annual WMC-SMM Tea, at which time the new national officers will be installed and the Bandage Queen will be crowned. Watch your *Missionary Herald* for details!

DEAR AMY:

At a recent SMM meeting we discussed the subject of time. The statement, "You have time for the things you want to do" was mentioned several times.

I am a Christian, Amy, and try not to waste time. However, with school, homework, SMM, and church activities, there are many times that I do not get things done that I should do or want to do. Can you suggest a way that will help me utilize this gift of time?

Sincerely,
Sue

Dear Sue:

Each of us has a sphere of power, influence, and possibilities all our own. Each has a service to perform not delegated to anyone else. We must give an account to God of every detail of our daily lives.

We are accountable for the use or abuse of the time given to us. We are judged for what we say or fail to say (Matt. 12:36-37), and for what we are or fail to be (II Cor. 5:10).

It will be worthwhile if we can assist each other in thinking about time and its use. All time is holy, and it is important to keep week days sacred as well as the Lord's Day. Time can be spent in various ways. Some while it away; others spend much time in pleasure and selfish pursuits; many spend it to climb to wealth and fame. The Christian who uses time wisely spends it in service for Christ.

To fix a schedule suitable for everybody is impossible because circumstances vary. Some have suggested keeping a record of everything you do and then avoid the unnecessary movements the next time a specific task is performed.

Sue, sit down and make a chart that includes the daily activities of your life. This will be good for you, as well as others. Chart the time spent in the following areas:

- Sleep
- School and work
- Recreation
- Self-improvement, such as musical concerts, music lessons, art, lectures, reading.
- Family—the family was instituted of God, and we owe service in the family too. So often young people use the home for a "hat rack" and a place to change clothes.
- Worship—this includes public services, private devotions, and private prayer.
- Service, such things as SMM, BYF, teaching, visiting the sick, folding bulletins, writing, special music.

Sue, God is interested in everything human. The more time given in spiritual interests, the richer and more useful your life will be. As a Christian in which area does your chart show that you waste time or spend the most time? This is the thought behind my answer—"You have time to do what you want to do."

I hope these few hints will help you. Christians certainly know that we must "redeem the time." The excuse "I had no time" will not avail at the judgment.

I trust you will find real joy by placing Jesus first, others next, and yourself last.

Sincerely,
AMY

Prayer Requests

1. Pray for the financial needs of SMM, and that each girl will do her part in meeting these goals.

2. Pray for the girls who will graduate from high school and from college this year that they will follow where the Lord leads them.

3. Pray for the board meetings and SMM programs at conference time. Pray that many will receive a rich blessing and will see the importance of SMM.

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Suggested Program for June

Devotional:
"Girls Glorifying God . . . in Health"

Memory Verse:
Middler—III John 2
Senior—Ecclesiastes 12:1

Mission Study:
"Around the World for Christ . . . in Africa"

Newspage

MEMBER EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION

WINONA LAKE, IND. Plans should now be made to come to the Annual Conference Aug. 13-19. Churches should financially assist their pastors to come.

KETTERING, OHIO. The Calvary Brethren Church broke their morning worship attendance record Apr. 22 when there were 209 present. Work on their new sanctuary is progressing, and they plan to begin services in their new location in the near future. Henry Barnhart is pastor.

FORT WAYNE, IND. Mark Malles, pastor of the First Brethren Church, reports an all-time high record of 386 in Sunday school on Easter Sunday.

GARWIN, IOWA. A two-year record was broken at the Carlton Brethren Church, Raymond Kettell, pastor, on Easter Sunday morning. There were 102 in Sunday school and 150 in the worship services. Six people were added to the membership.

ASHLAND, OHIO. The Grace Brethren Church, Miles Taber, pastor, announces that the attendance of 703 in the Easter morning worship service was the highest attendance on record of the history of the church. Revival services with James Dixon, of Washington, D. C., as evangelist began on Apr. 29.

WAYNESBORO, PA. T. Ralph Wenger, pastor of the Five Forks Brethren in Christ Church, was guest speaker at the First Brethren Church, Apr. 29 while the pastor, Robert Crees was away on vacation.

FORT WAYNE, IND. Glenn Crabb, pastor of Grace Brethren Church, announces a new high of 114 attendance in Sunday school and 145 attendance in morning worship service Easter Sunday.

MIDDLEBRANCH, OHIO. A new attendance record of 280 on Easter Sunday was reported by Wesley Haller, pastor of the First Brethren Church.

LANCASTER, PA. A new attendance record in Sunday school of 166 was attained at the Grace Brethren Church Easter Sunday. Dr. Russell Barnard was the guest speaker at both worship services for the day. William Tweeddale is pastor.

FINDLAY, OHIO. Previous Sunday school records were broken at the Findlay Brethren Church on Easter Sunday. The former attendance was 300 and the new 324. Gerald W. Teeter is pastor.

WASHINGTON, D. C. The Mid-Atlantic district youth rally was held at the First Brethren Church Apr. 14. Dean Fetterhoff was the speaker.

TROY, OHIO. The Grace Brethren Church set new attendance records on Easter Sunday with 209 in Sunday school, 195 in the morning worship service, and 106 in the evening worship service. Ninety-five people were in attendance at the communion service Apr. 18. Eight people have been received as new members of the church since the first of the year. Herman Hein is pastor.

SOUTH BEND, IND. Attendance records were shattered at the Ireland Road Brethren Church on Easter Sunday with 238 in Sunday school, and 263 in the worship hour. The church is planning a missionary day for May 20. Rev. Clyde K. Landrum and the Fay family will be the guest speakers. Gene Witzky is pastor.

CONEMAUGH, PA. Singer Hill Brethren Church has seen the hand of the Lord in blessing in record-breaking attendances. The prayer meetings recently have been in the 70's and 80's. One Sunday school attendance was 151, the next Sunday 162, and the following Sunday, which was Easter, there were 231 present. Eighteen new members have been taken into the church with two first-time decisions. Glenn Byers, pastor.

WINONA LAKE, IND. Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, presently dean at Grace Theological Seminary and College, has been chosen by the board of trustees to be the new president of the two schools.



Dr. Herman A. Hoyt

Dr. Hoyt will succeed Dr. Alva J. McClain who has requested retirement effective Aug. 31, 1962. The official change will be made Sept. 1. Dr. McClain will be given the title of president emeritus and be made an honorary member of the board of trustees and of the executive committee. He has also been requested to remain as teacher of theology.

Dr. Homer Kent, Jr., and Professor E. William Male are the new deans of the seminary and college, respectively.

Dr. Hoyt was one the founding faculty members of the seminary in 1937. The college was started in 1948.

MOVING? Send us your new address. The post office charges us 10 cents for each undeliverable Missionary Herald. Thank you.

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 30 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Church	*Date*	*Pastor*	*Speaker*
Aleppo, Pa.	May 13-20	W. Wayne Baker	Bill Smith
Ft. Wayne, Ind.	May 14-20	Mark Malles	John Aeby
Covington, Va.	May 16-27	Mason Cooper	Bob Collitt
Elkhart, Ind.	May 21-27	Gordon Bracker	Dusty Rhoades

Peter's Perils and Pearls

BY J. W. MELLICK

In Peter's life there are both wonders and warnings to guide the heaven-bound pilgrim.

The Gospels and the Book of Acts reveal Peter's *perils* while his Epistles display his *pearls*. Perhaps his pearls came from the experience of his perils in some degree, even as the irritating sand beneath the oyster's shell produces rare gems.

How often the word "precious" appears in Peter's writings! His sad experiences wrapped in God's abundant grace have given us rare spiritual jewels indeed.

Whenever Peter fails to give his Lord the preeminence, it is there that his perils appear. After these errors, and following the blessings begun at Pentecost, pearls of grace fill his heart and overflow to us through his pen of inspiration as Christ is exalted.

His perils set a pattern for Christians to avoid, and his pearls are to be greatly desired for our spiritual adornment and enrichment.

What are some of these perils and pearls? What admonitions may we receive to warn us? What exhortations to encourage us?

The Peril of the Impossible

How strange those Galilean waters have felt beneath the feet of this veteran fisherman who had often braved the perilous waves and well knew their power. His experience was that of a greater Power sustaining him. His eyes and faith were upon Christ as we may read in Matthew 14:22-23. His peril came "when he saw the wind boisterous, he was [and became] afraid." He placed "impossible circumstances" before his Lord and judged their power to be greater than His. Is that not a common peril in Christianity today as we see the waves of "impossible circumstances" converge upon us at various levels and in various experiences? We see *them* instead of Christ.

The Pearl of the Possible

Now let us go "pearl-hunting." A pearl from Peter's pen parallels and contrasts this former failure of faith. "Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory" (I Pet. 1:8).

"Yes," Peter says, "there are severe

storms of persecution and high waves of suffering, but He is seen only with the eye of faith—this is sufficient!

The Peril of the Inferior

In Matthew 16:13-20 we find Peter riding high in the praises of his Lord, He confesses Him to be "the Christ, the Son of the living God." Peter's pride grows in the warm glow of Christ's commendation for this confession, and with this came the peril and the danger.

As Jesus tells His disciples of the coming suffering of His crucifixion and death, Peter's concept of Messiaship clashes with Christ's pronouncement. Like the disciples on the Emmaus road he is "slow to believe *all* that the prophets had spoken," and thus he rebukes Him who is the Truth. In remonstrance Christ turned His back upon him, and said: "Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence [a stumbling block] unto me (Matt. 16:23).

The Pearl of the Superior

After this experience and after Pentecost, Peter writes, "Ye were . . . redeemed . . . with the precious blood of Christ" (I Pet. 1:18-19). Also, 'Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree" (I Pet. 2: 24).

How often inferior thoughts and words, which fall short of the truth, pose a peril to ourselves and to those who hear us. May the Holy Spirit enlighten our minds unto all truth. Peter learned the value of Christ's blood. In these days of modernism let us not lose this pearl. Its loss has become the peril of our day.

The Peril of Personalities

To Peter, Moses and Elijah were prominent personalities of the *past* who came into the *present* on the Mount of Transfiguration. These men became a peril to Peter as he equated them with Christ. He impetuously suggested the building of three tabernacles on the Mount, but he was promptly rebuked and corrected from heaven: "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him" (Matt. 17:5).

The Pearl of Christ's Person

This rebuke, plus Pentecost, enabled Peter to say: "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). The other personalities had faded into the dim background.

We dare not pass by II Peter 1: 16 and 17. Peter affirms that he and the two other apostles were eyewitnesses of Christ's majesty. Jesus, in His mercy, reassured Peter's Jewish heart that after Calvary He would some glorious day be acclaimed as King of kings and Lord of lords.

Havoc has been wrought in the family of God by the exaltation of human personalities—equating them with Christ. He must have the preeminence.

The Peril of Pride

The overestimation of one's native abilities is a common snare of the unwary soul. Peter stoutly protested Christ's plain statement that the apostles would be offended, and he deeply resented the prediction of his denial of the Lord. The outcome of this is familiar and well known to all, but we can see the peril and danger of our own self-sufficient ways? It resulted in tears for the apostle.

The Pearl of Humility

We wonder if the pearl in I Peter 5:5 and 6 may not have been formed in part, at least, from Peter's bitter experience, for we read: "God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to *the humble. Humble yourselves* therefore under the mighty hand of God." From the experience of the peril of pride may have come the pearl of humility in the provident grace of God.

The Peril of Fear

We are prone to think that following the Saviour is an escape from suffering. At the palace of the high priest, imminent danger and suffering struck fear into Peter's heart and came between him and his Lord, thus came the denial. He left close fellowship with Christ to escape suffering.

Today we too often deny Christ to escape social disapproval, and the day could be near in America when physical suffering and even death will face the Christian—a severe test as to our faithfulness to Christ. Peter suffered agony of soul because of his denial.

The Pearl of Submission

Behold the pearl formed in Peter's heart as he writes: "Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow in his steps" (I Pet. 2:21). Also, "But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye" (I Pet. 3:14). Let us treasure this pearl of truth. It is precious indeed. May we count it a privilege to suffer for Him.

The Peril of Watching Others

Peter learns of his own future and how he will meet death. Read John 21:19 to 24. He learns what it will cost him in the future to be a follower of Christ. Peter immediately begins to wonder and inquire about John the beloved apostle. Jesus' rebuke is sharp and to the point: "If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? *Follow thou me.*" Christ's concern was that we be faithful, regardless of how our lot may compare with that of others.

The Pearl of a Christ-filled Vision

The rebuke of Christ and the experiences following Pentecost mellowed the impetuous apostle to write in II Peter 1:4 to 12 that each Christian as an individual should shoulder the responsibility of fully appropriating the promises to partake of the divine nature and demonstrate his calling and election to the fullest—live the abundant life!

These perils and pearls from the person and pen of Peter [illegible] but a few of the num[illegible] but they furnish [illegible] food for thoug[illegible] ing.

Hearken to Haggai!

BY REV. ARTHUR L. PEKAREK

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One of the most practical books of the Old Testament is the little Book of Haggai with only two chapters in length or a total of thirty-eight verses. Although this book was written to believers in Jerusalem in 520 B.C.; yet it is practical for us today because it consists of three messages given on three different dates with three practical admonitions: Exhortation 1:1 to 15; Encouragement 2:1 to 9; and Examination 2:10 to 23.

In the first chapter the Exhortation was to rebuild the Temple which was the primary goal of the post-exilic expedition as led by Zerubbabel in 536 B.C. But something happened so that this pioneer group had lost sight of their goal. The harrassment of the enemy or the wiles of the Devil had deflated their drive and enthusiasm. So Haggai was sent to "stir up the people" and the leaders. The first thing that is noted is the reason for this exhortation; that is, the neglect of God's house (1:2-5).

What a far cry of "this" people's desire (God does not even call them His people (v. 2) than that of David's in II Samuel 7:2. These people dwelled in their "ceiled houses" and allowed the "house of God to lie waste." The "man after God's own heart" (David) cried, "I dwell in a house of cedar [ceiled house], but the ark of God dwelleth within curtains [tent or tabernacle]." The spiritual thermometer of the practical Christian's life can be read by the degree of his attitude toward the house of God. Neglect may come in the avenue of our time, our talent, and our treasure. Just how are we using these in relation to God's house? Does not the New Testament command to assemble in God's house? But you say: "I'm not going to go to that church because that preacher or some other person hurt my feelings!" So then you abstain from going to any church eventually because you find that all of them have this same personality problem. That is like the fellow who said: "I believe everyone is crazy, but me and my wife, and sometimes I wonder about her!" Note what the Lord says, "Consider your ways!"

The result of neglect is seen in verses 6 to 11 as the chastisement of God's hand. What a tragic picture of the average self-centered believer today: "Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled; ye clothe you, but there is none warm." This statement sounds like the modern women's styles that could not keep them warm because there just is not enough clothes. But notice the battle hymn of the modern Union member: "He that earneth wages earneth to put it into a bag with holes." This is what the Union strikers ought to sing while they are out on picket duty. Haggai warns of God's hand of chastening, and shouts, "Consider your ways!"

It is easy to become discouraged in the local church because just the faithful few are doing the work. But remember! That is all the Lord Jesus had, and they all forsook Him. Perhaps this inspired the anonymous write to pen these words in prose:

In every church, in every clime, when there's some work to do;
It very likely will be done by just the faithful few.
While many folks will help to sing and some of them will talk,
When it comes down to doing things a lot of them will balk.
"We can't do this, we can't do that, excuse us, please—this time;
We'd be so glad to help you out, but it's just not in our line."
So when the leader casts about to find someone who will do,
Although he has done it oft before, he asks the faithful few.
Of course, they're very busy, too, and always hard at work;
But well he knows they'll not refuse, nor any duty shirk.
They never stop to make excuse, but promptly try to do
The very very best they can to smooth the way for you.
God bless, I pray, the faithful few, and may their tribe increase,
They must be very precious to the blessed Prince of Peace.

Suppose the many pioneers of the past had settled back on the idea, "No one else is doing the work, why should I?" or "What do I ever get out of it, but criticism?" Would we have the same freedoms we now have today? A certain A. F. finance officer was figuring the amount of money Col. John Glenn received for his orbits around the earth, and he came out with this response: "Col. Glenn netted precisely $8—5 hours at $1.60 per hour. That includes base pay, flight pay (for getting in his required four hours flight time), and basic allowance for subsistence and quarters. He is not eligible for per diem pay because he made a round trip of less than ten hours in one calendar day. If he had been eligible for mile-

New Books

All books reviewed on this page may be purchased from the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, Box 544, Winona Lake, Indiana. Postage is paid.

RUTH THE GLEANER AND ESTHER THE QUEEN. William M. Taylor. Baker Book House, 1961. $2.95.

This Bible biography book by William M. Taylor speaks of these outstanding Bible personalities with warmth, zest, and penetrating insight. He writes of them as they were without magnifying their excellencies, or apologizing for their faults. At the same time he repeatedly points out the lessons from their lives for life in our day and age.

THE COMPANION OF THE WAY. H. C. Hewlett. Moody Press, 1962. $2.75.

This highly devotional and spiritual book deals with the experiences of twelve outstanding men of the Scriptures to whom the Lord was pleased to appear and shows how truly He walked with them.

The author's purpose is to indicate how in like faithfulness, He walks with His people today, to cheer, to strengthen, and to guide.

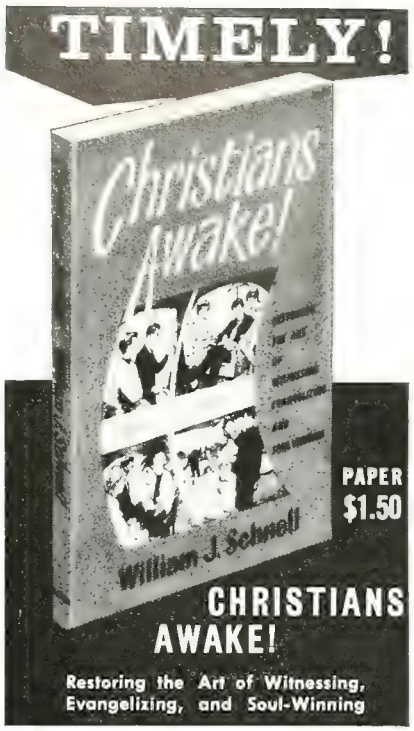
A TREASURY OF BOOKS FOR BIBLE STUDY. Wilbur M. Smith. W. A. Wilde Company, 1960. $2.25.

This book has been aptly named, for it presents a treasure of many and varied books about the Bible, characters within the Bible, Bible dictionaries, encyclopedias, and so forth. The main purpose of the book is to acquaint the serious Bible student with books about the Bible that will help him in his study. The author pursues many avenues of Biblical study, and lists the best works that have been published in these varied areas. Dr. Smith is widely known for his knowledge of books and his work as a bibliographer.

CUBA'S MIRACLE LAD. Don W. Hillis. Baker Book House, 1961. $1.50.

All children like stories about children, especially if these are stories of adventure. The stories are human interest stories from mission fields around the world—Africa, China, Cuba, India, the Philippines, The United States of America, and Venezuela. They are written in such a way as to appeal to children from ten to fourteen years of age.

The purpose of this book is to enrich the lives of young people in the Word of God and to enlarge interest in missions.



by WILLIAM J. SCHNELL

This is a guide and handbook for those who wish to recapture the art of witnessing which was practiced by the early Christians, with emphasis on witnessing to the Jehovah's Witnesses.

OTHER BOOKS BY MR. SCHNELL

THIRTY YEARS A WATCH TOWER SLAVE

The simple, impelling and powerful story of a Christian caught in the meshes of this movement, his rise to positions of authority, the hopelessness of his situation, and remarkable conversion after an entire night of prayer. **$2.95**

INTO THE LIGHT OF CHRISTIANITY

In this book Mr. Schnell stresses the false doctrines which have been fabricated by the Jehovah's Witnesses. Many personal experiences of Mr. Schnell are also related. **$2.95**

Special Price for the Two—$5.75

age, he would have earned $8100 (81,000 miles at ten cents a mile), but he is not eligible since he used a government vehicle. So it boils down to just plain $8!"

I ask you, is our pioneer work any less important or stupendous with about the same reward or pay as Glenn's was? In verse 9 God reminds us that when we expect to glorify self, we will get little in return. Oh yes! We build our fancy homes (and this could be applied to the spiritual house—our body), but we forget about God's house. No wonder the Lord said, "Consider your ways!" If not, He has a woodshed!

But Haggai brings to our minds the remedy for chastisement as he points out the promise of God's help in verses 12 to 15. The great promise of "I am with you" came after the people did two things: "Obeyed the voice of the Lord their God," and they "Did fear before the Lord." Is it not true that one who is obedient will also worship or fear the Lord? There could be no better promise to the pioneer who has to "go-it-alone" than these words, "I am with you!" When David Livingstone, the pioneer of Africa, told a large student body of Oxford that he was going to speak to them on the subject, "The Secret of My Success on the Mission Field," all of the students leaned forward to hear the secret of this great giant of the faith. His words rang out through that vast assembly, "I was successful on the mission field because I believed my Lord's promise, 'I am with you, and, without me ye can do nothing.' I would say that I would not go across the threshhold without Him, but with Him, I would cross the darkest continent!" Yes! The promise of God's help is sure.

So the Exhortation is therefore not to neglect God's house lest we be chastened by God's hand, and miss the promise of God's help.

Youth Page

...of the Brethren Youth Council

Compiled by Dave Hocking, National Youth Director

YOUTH WORK . . . WHY?

This question has often been raised among youth leaders across America in our many denominations. Why have a youth work or program in the local church? Is not Sunday school meeting the need of our young people? Why should we go to all this extra expense and trouble?

Perhaps these are valid questions, and perhaps they are just a result of lack of information.

The purpose of youth work is not primarily to teach. It is to train. But the question is then asked, "To train for what?" The answer . . . for Christian leadership and Christian living.

Some of the greatest problems of young people deal with how to get along in this world of confusion. They are looking for answers to their vital problems during these years we call the "decision-making" years. The informal atmosphere of a youth group in the local church gives you occasion for discussing freely with your young people their spiritual problems. Their questions concern a multitude of items, such as the matter of dating, marriage, going steady, being a soul-winner, choosing a college, having devotions, entertainment to enjoy as a Christian, the will of God, and a score of other vital problems. These problems cannot be met directly nor satisfactorily in the classroom situation or the church pew. The young teen-age mind is not ready to listen until he sees it work! Never forget that!

Our young people want to know if there is *anyone* who really lives a victorious Christian life, and is thrilled with it! Does it work or is everyone else a "fake" or a "phony" too?

Interesting programs in which the young people participate and direct the working out of their own problems will greatly stimulate them to follow in the footsteps of those who have gone on before, and who have displayed the kind of example that a young person wants to follow.

Change your question from "why" to "how" and begin to lay out this year's entire program for the young people of your church. Be sure to include every avenue of their practical life for the Lord. Train them to train themselves!

BRETHREN YOUTH CONFERENCE FOR 1962



Rev. Bill Smith

Our National Youth Conference will be held in Winona Lake, Indiana, this year from August 12 through August 19. The featured Bible Hour speaker every morning will be Brethren Evangelist Bill Smith. God has richly blessed the evangelistic efforts of Bill Smith, and this National Youth Conference promises to be one packed with challenging and stirring messages from God's Word.

Other special guest speakers include Dr. Orville Jobson, missionary statesman; Mr. George McQueen, businessman of South Bend, Indiana, and former director of Ireland YFC and director of music at the People's Church of Toronto, Canada; Evangelist Bob Collitt, also currently engaged in evangelistic work for our Board of Evangelism; Dr. Bernard Schneider, pastor and evangelist; and others. This promises to be one of the greatest conferences ever held! Don't fail to be there for this wonderful week of inspiration.

Final run-offs will be held for all those young people entered in National Achievement Competition with the final national championship quiz being held on Saturday night before the entire audience of the National Conference of The Brethren Church.

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EDITORIALS

By Lester E. Pifer

"Shall We Transport Our Missionaries by Air?"

The startling news at the eleventh hour newscast, "Jet Crashes Near Chicago . . . 77 dead," has an electrifying effect. This brings concern when one has just heard at the prayer meeting of missionaries en route home by air. Is this new mode of transportation dependable? Is it safe? Is the increased speed, comfort, time-saving factor to be considered in missionary endeavor? Are the costs excessive over other means of travel?

Actually, the chance that one of our missionaries will become a statistic in a newspaper plane crash story is remote. Percentage-wise, the safety element in our favor is 99.99978 (1961).

This means that there is less than one fatality for every 100 million passenger-miles flown on commercial scheduled aircraft. You are literally safer in the air than in your own car. By comparison, the current rate for automobile travel is one death on the highways for every 45 million miles of travel. Statistically, your chances are a million to one for a safe flight. The Air Transport Association says that if you boarded a plane on New Years Day 1962 in New York and flew constantly eight hours a day, it would be the year 2144 before you could expect to be involved in a fatal accident.

During the first six months of last year, fifty-six U. S. commercial lines transported 30 million people more than 15 million miles without a single fatal accident. During the same period, automobiles claimed 15,000 American lives.

The 1960 accident rate for all transportation in the United States (per million passenger miles) was auto and taxis 2.2; domestic airlines .87; trains .16; buses .11. Safety-wise, a basic formula is: air travel is safer than auto, but bus and train are safer than air. The most dangerous is horse and buggy.

However, convenience, comfort, and saving of time has shifted our Nation's major transportation carriers in this decade:

	1950	1960
Railroads	6.9%	2.8%
Buses	5.6%	2.7%
Airlines	2.1%	4.4%
Private autos	85.2%	89.9%

Lack of courtesy, conveniences, and comfort has shifted the traffic to two realms; by plane with speed, comfort, port to port on frequent and convenient schedules, or by auto, its comfort, the privilege of going when and as you please with the convenience of transportation at the destination. This accounts for nearly 90 percent of all America's traffic on our inadequate roads. This explains the slaughter of almost 43,000 people on America's blood-drenched highways. Add the liquor factor, the speed demon, the careless, the negligent, and there is only one conclusion: You take the lives of your family and yourself in your hands as you drive onto the highway.

Safety is how you look at it. This conversation was overheard by a Washington, D. C., aircraft executive when one man asked another whether a mutual friend was planning to fly home. "No, he doesn't feel safe flying. He's leaving Miami tonight with his family and driving to Trenton, New Jersey. He's anxious to get back though, so they're driving straight through, stopping only for fuel and food. Ought to make it in thirty to thirty-two hours."

American business has rapidly turned to corporate private aircraft. Over 500 business firms now account for 46 percent of general aviation flying. General aviation numbers 69,000 aircraft compared to 37,000 planes for the military, and 1,800 planes by the airlines. Safety-wise, the following figures have been released:

Scheduled U. S. air carriers—one passenger fatality for each 21,711 hours flown. Business planes (over 12,500 lbs, twin engine)—one passenger fatality for each 40,625 hours flown. Business planes (under 12,500 lbs, such as Home Mission Navion)—one passenger fatality for each 61,052 hours flown. American business planes are flying currently 2 million miles more than the combined total of all U. S. domestic scheduled airlines. The safety, comfort, and convenience of their executives is the prime factor.

Costs of various modes of travel differ little if time, meals en route, hotel, cleaning and pressing, baggage handling, tips, and so forth are considered. Much is made of the amount of time the executive must be away from his family. The psychological factors induced by extended periods of time away from families can cost an American business a considerable sum.

God enjoins His followers to preach the Gospel to every creature (Mark 16:15). He urges that the steward be faithful (I Cor. 4:2) to buy up every opportunity (Col. 1:28), and redeem the time (Eph. 5:16; Col. 4:5). God has

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HOME MISSION ISSUE

Rev. Carl Key, a home-missions pastor, stands at the open door of opportunity in Davenport, Iowa.

Davenport Combines Ordination and Dedication

By Rev. Carl Key, pastor

On Saturday, April 14, 1962, at 1:30 p.m. the combined ordination service for the pastor, Carl Key, and the dedication of the new Grace Brethren Church of Davenport got under way. The ordination service was first and was led by Forrest Jackson, pastor of the First Brethren Church, Dallas Center, Iowa.

Every pastor in the district was present and participated in the service. The invocation was given by Robert Whited, pastor of the Pleasant Grove Brethren Church, North English; the authorization for the ordination was read by Glen Welborn, pastor of the Leon Brethren Church; and the Scripture was read by Ray Kettell, pastor of the Carlton Brethren Church, Garwin. Roy Dice, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Cedar Rapids, read the questions and vows. Then followed the laying on of hands by all the ordained pastors of the district. The charge was delivered by Rev. Lester E. Pifer, assistant secretary of the Brethren Home Missions Council, Winona Lake, Indiana. Jesse Deloe, assistant pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Waterloo, concluded the service with a special instrumental solo, and Mr. Earl Key, Covington, Virginia, father of the candidate, offered the closing prayer.

The pastor brought greetings to the 125 people present for the dedication. After the singing of "The Church's One Foundation," he presented John M. Aeby, the dedication speaker. Mr. Aeby is pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Waterloo, Iowa, president of the Brethren Home Missions Council, and moderator of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. After the message, Pastor Key led the congregation in the act of dedication. Mr. Cleve Miller offered the prayer of dedication. The keys were presented to Mr. Don Becker, chairman of the board of trustees, by Pastor Key. The special music for the dedication was by Mrs. James Harris, a local member of the church.

This day was the highlight in a ministry that began following the National Conference of 1959. Mrs. Key and I arrived at Davenport without a job or place to live, but we felt that God had called us here and that He would provide. Mr. and Mrs. Duane Becker took us in and within a week provided me with a job. Soon a home was provided within our income and only eight blocks from our building site.

God then made available to us the Army Reserve building and our first Sunday school was held there the first Sunday in October 1959. For the few weeks prior to this, the group met in the mobile home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Herman. The Army Reserve building was used until December 24, 1961, when the first service was held in our new building.

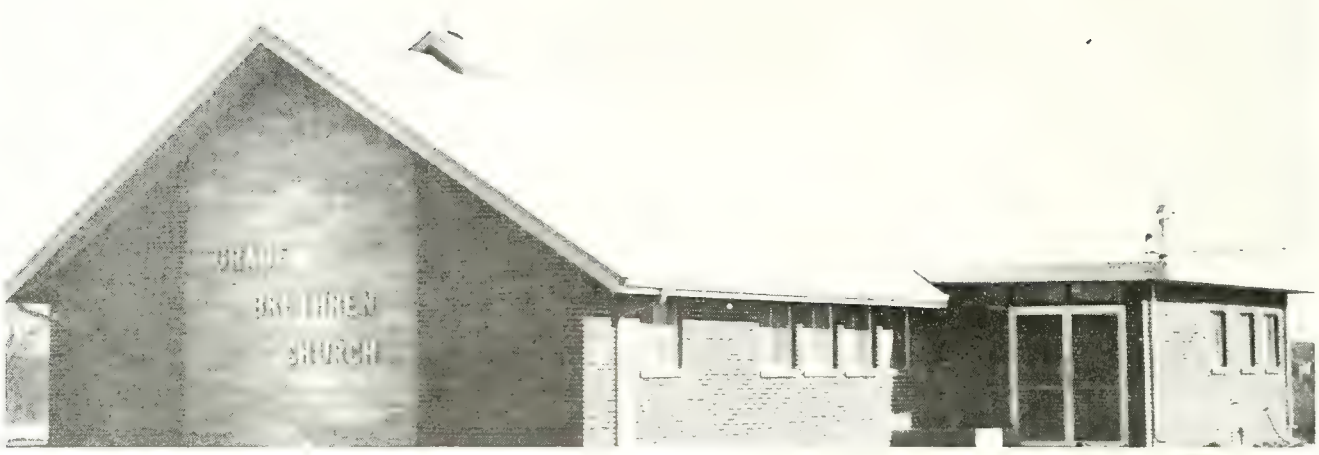
Davenport, Iowa is a member of the great metropolitan and trading area known as Quint Cities U.S.A. Our city of Davenport is the largest with 88,971 people, then comes Rock Island, Illinois, with 51,418, Moline, Illinois with 42,739, East Moline, Illinois with 16,693, and Bettendorff, Iowa with 11,557. These five cities are all right together. When one city limit stops the other one begins. The three on the Illinois side are separated from the two on the Iowa side by the Mississippi River. Across the river there are three bridges connecting the cities.

Our church is located in the northwest part of Davenport on U.S. Highway No. 6. This is by far the fastest growing area of the city. In





Above: Rev. John M. Aeby, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Waterloo, Iowa, the dedication speaker. Below: The presentation of the keys to [illegible]



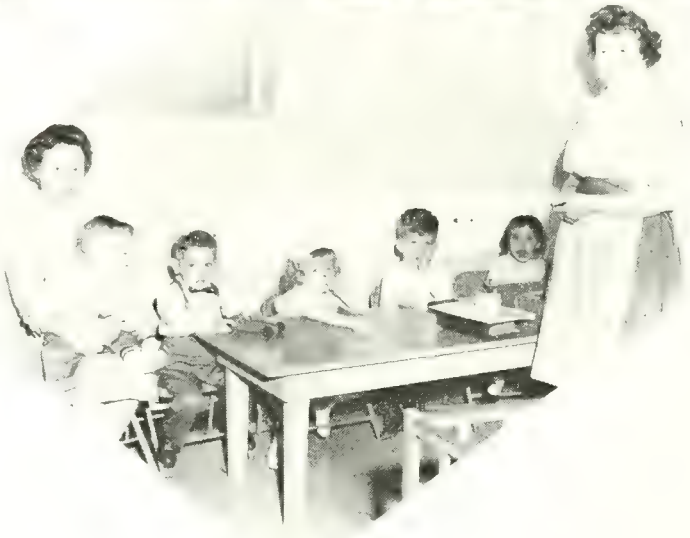
the past two years a new hospital and two new shopping centers have opened along with the one existing shopping center. Hundreds of new homes have been constructed and many new large areas are being prepared for subdividing.

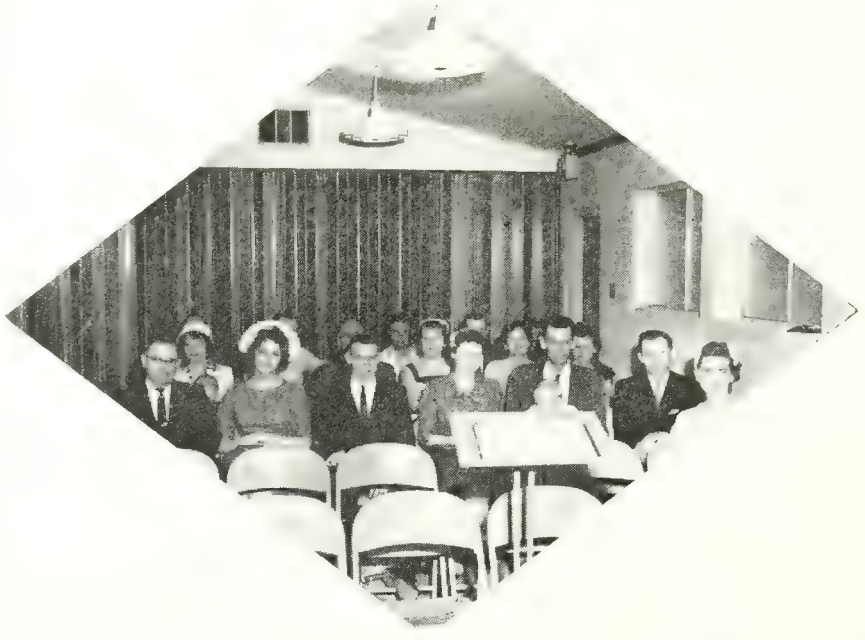
The congregation owns one and one half acres on which we have constructed a first unit educational building. This building is 62 feet long and 28 feet wide with a utility entrance area 12 feet x 25 feet. The building has a chapel that will seat 112 people, five Sunday school rooms and a multi-purpose area that can be divided into three classrooms. The building was constructed at the cost of $22,000 and many donated hours of labor. The members of the church installed the heating system, wired the church, did the painting and tiled the floor, which saved a considerable amount of money.

The church was designed by Ralph C. Hall of the Brethren Home Missions Council's architectural department and built by Kealiher and Frazer Contractors.

The Davenport area is tremendous and presents a great challenge with all of its lost souls. The opportunity is here and in the foreseeable

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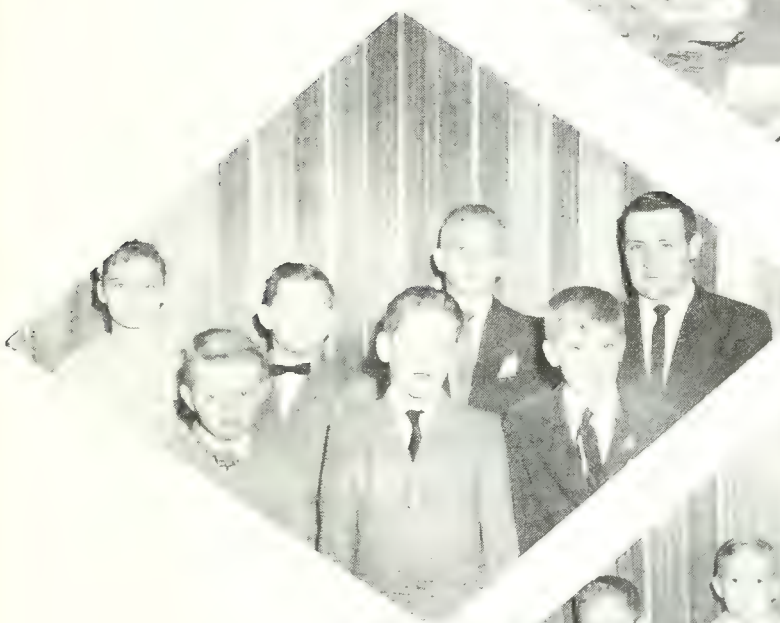




Top down: Davenport Grace Brethren Church, Mrs. Gene Harris' class and Mr. Don Becker's class.
Opposite page: Mrs. Carl Key's class, Mrs. Don Becker's class, Rev. Carl Key's class and Mrs. Duane Becker's class. Entire Sunday School.





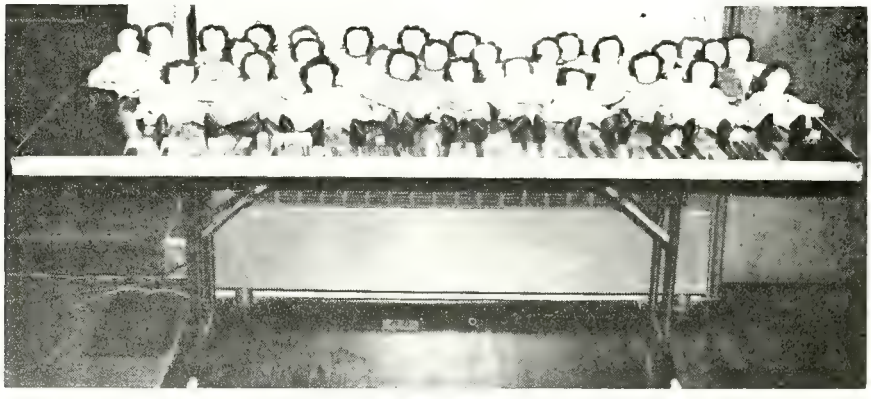








Left to right: Roy Dice, Forrest Jackson, Ray Kettell, Glen Welborn, and John Aeby laying hands on Carl Key.



Display of dolls made by Mrs. Marker

Navajo News Notes

HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND. Mrs. Edith Marker, a member of the Grace Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Maryland, was asked to make one or two dolls for a Navajo Mission project, and in return volunteered to make one for each child in the boarding school. Mrs. Marker is confined to her home and not able to attend the services of the church. The Mission appreciated very much this fine project and a big *thank you* from every Navajo boy and girl who received one of the dolls.

MANSFIELD, OHIO. Mrs. Pauline Swartzwalder has returned home from the Navajo Mission boarding school for the school vacation months. Mrs. Swartzwalder is dorm mother for the boarding-school children.

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future there should be a Brethren testimony in each of the five cities making up the "Quint Cities" area. This trading area represents one half million people.

Through God's leading, we, the people of Davenport, by His grace and through the giving and prayers of His people, have put up a building and begun a work in Davenport. It is our prayer and desire that through your continued prayer we will be able to grow and be used of God to be the impetus to start new works in each of these cities.

Following our dedication we started a week of special meetings with Rev. Lester Pifer. These meetings were our first series of evangelistic meetings with this group. When the meetings ended on Easter Sunday morning the records showed an average attendance of thirty-seven with a one meeting high of fifty-seven and many fine decisions. May God continue His work here.

CUBA, NEW MEXICO. A new member was added to the Navajo Mission family when Amy Sue Ingwaldson was born on April 7, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lew Ingwaldson.

The father of Mrs. Ingwaldson died recently at La Porte, Indiana, and the Ingwaldson family returned for the funeral.

WINONA LAKE, INDIANA. The May-June issue of the *Forgotten Navajo* publication will soon be coming your way. Extra copies will be mailed to churches as requested, and if you want to receive it direct, please send your name and address to The Brethren Home Missions Council, Box 587, Winona Lake, Indiana.

ISRAEL CALLS!

WHY ME?

BY LEANORE BUTTON

It seems as though the human being feels it is his inalienable right to question God when some adversity comes into his life. In the past years I have written many times about my friend, Frieda. I have patiently (and sometimes not so patiently!) spent hours with her showing her passages of Scripture relating to the Messiah and trying to show her she was a sinner in need of atoning blood. Of all the Jewish people I have dealt with, she has had more light than any other and certainly can never say she hasn't had every opportunity to receive the Messiah as her sacrifice for sin. And now after all these years, God has permitted the shadow of death to enter her home. Her words to me over and over are: "Why me, Jerry? Why me?" For you see, her youngest daughter, the apple of her eye, is the victim of Hodgkin's disease—no known cure.

My purpose in writing this article is not to show you that God is dealing with her in this manner because I don't know. My purpose is to ask you, and especially you WMC ladies, to pray for this child that if it is His will to raise her up, it might be done to His glory, and that out of this trial the entire family might come to know Jesus Christ. I have another purpose, also, and that is that I might know you will *all* be praying for me as I deal with Frieda. I will need only the wisdom God can give —certainly not my own.

I am Frieda's closest friend and the only one to whom she can talk freely. Her daughter, Melanie, must never know what the doctors have said about her condition. So Frieda tells no one. We had a mutual friend who was very close to both of us. However, in the past few months she and Frieda had a misunderstanding. Because of this trouble, Frieda has not been able to overlook what happened. In trying to understand her troubles, Frieda has turned again to the Word of God. We have had several sessions of studying the Word together, and it has been a real blessing to her. At times she seems to almost grasp the truth about the Lord Jesus Christ. At other times, she is argumentative and rebellious.

Someone suggested to Frieda that she take her daughter to one of today's famous faith healers. I believe she toyed with this idea, but discarded it in favor of a Jewish faith healer. I have explained to her how God heals, and how He can heal Melanie if it is His will. I have promised her to ask many people to pray for Melanie in Jesus' name. She begged me to do this. At the same time, she isn't sure Jesus can or will heal her daughter, nor is she really willing to have *God's will* for her daughter and not her own. I'm sure you understand what I am trying to say and that I need great wisdom in dealing with her.

Then there is the matter of our Bible study. I used to think she really didn't believe the ridiculous arguments she gave me concerning the Scriptures. I was certain in the back of her mind was doubt. However, though some of her arguments would make a Rabbi cringe in shame, they seem to satisfy her.

One of the biggest examples of this concerns the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah. Since the forty-ninth chapter mentions "my servant, Israel"; therefore Isaiah 53 refers to Israel and not to a person. This, of course, follows what the modern Jew believes, but Frieda goes beyond that. She knows that the people of Israel have been called "sinful," and there is no doubt in her mind that this is true. Therefore she separates the people and the land, and says the land of Israel is what saves the world in the end. The land shall be lifted up as an ensign of the people. The land has been punished these past years, and so forth. As we study these passages together, I have found that the best thing for me to do is to patiently (and this is so hard) explain over and over and over. And so we are doing, and so we shall do in the days to come.

The other day, as we discussed Isaiah 53 and its relationship to Jesus, the Anointed One, she stopped and looked at me with tears in her eyes.

"Jerry," she said, "don't you think that now, more than ever before, I want to draw as close to God as I can? If I honestly felt that Jesus was the true Messiah and God, do you think I could deny Him now?"

She also has an idea that perhaps because Melanie is such a good girl and so brilliant that she has reached a state of perfection, and God feels her mission on earth is done. She said she realized the Bible did not teach re-incarnation, but she felt there might be something to it. These are things I need great wisdom to deal with. I must be careful in everything I say so that I will not drive her away from the Word of God. Recently, she has allowed me to bring in parts of the New Testament.

One of the most important things I want to try to impress on her is that healing of the soul is much more important than healing of the body.

May I count on you for prayer? May I depend upon you daily? You mothers with children [illegible] healthy in body take a [illegible] each day to thank God for His goodness to you. But remember to pray for this mother [illegible] child without knowing the comfort of the Son of [illegible]

Home Missions Adds to Fair Display







The California-Arizona District WMC sponsored a Missions Fair at the First Brethren Church, Long Beach, California, with a booth for each of the home and foreign missions endeavors. Rev. and Mrs. Sam Horney were present for the Spanish-American Booth with a display and treat of Spanish cookies prepared by Mrs. Horney.

Rev. and Mrs. Bruce L. Button, daughter, Diane, and Miss Isobel Fraser, our missionary family to the Jews sponsored a booth for this phase of home missions. The refreshments served consisted of a Jewish loaf and grape juice. Jewish customs were depicted by the missionaries.

Curios and pictures decorated the Navajo Mission booth. Evan M. Adams, former Mission superintendent, assisted in manning this home missions display.

LEGEND

Top: Rev. and Mrs. Sam I. Horney, Spanish-American Missions. Center: Diane, Leanore, Bruce Button, and Isobel Fraser, Brethren Messianic Testimony. Bottom: Navajo Mission Booth, Evan Adams at the right.

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called His children to the greatest business in all the world (Matt. 28: 18-20).

It seems only natural then, and wisdom, to use every legitimate facility at hand to aide in this great task of evangelization. Our mission personnel have laid their lives upon God's altar. They have placed their talents at God's disposal. The saving of time, the ease of travel, the amount of time at home on furlough and with their loved ones, their safety is extremely vital. This is especially true for missionaries traveling to and from foreign fields when the only alternative is slow boat or speedy air travel.

Our American Government is spending billions in the production of the finest aircraft, the best in safety controls, extreme care and standards in training of all flying personnel. Other nations are rapidly in pursuit of the same goals. Ought not these be used for the Lord's chosen as well?

The greatest safety factor of all is the ever watchful care of our Lord over His own (Rom. 4:21; 8:31, 38-39; 14:4; Eph. 3:20; Jude 24). Is not the God who saved us and keeps us from day to day able also to do so in any means of travel? Is His keeping power limited to the car, train, bus, or plane?

Admitting all the hazards of travel, we must admonish all God's children to pray for protection for those who carry the Gospel to others, to be concerned for their comfort and convenience in travel, to recognize their limited time for service, and to be sympathetic to their family ties. God may call you or one of your loved ones into missionary service soon.

Special Announcement

Rev. Gerald Polman, pastor of the Rialto Brethren Church, Rialto, California, announces the dedication date for the new church to be May 20, 1962. This dedication of a new home-missions church building makes one each for the last three consecutive months.

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LAYMEN'S PAGE

THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN LAYMEN — COMPILED BY KENNETH E. HERMAN

NEWS

of interest to you!

PALMYRA, PENNSYLVANIA. The laymen of the Grace Brethren Church have formed a Christian Service Brigade, including both the Stockade and Battalion age group. The new youth ministry began with thirty-five boys and ten adult leaders. (See photo at right.)

At the present time the groups meet in the church, but outdoor activities have been planned for the summer months.



Pictured above are some of the members of the new Palmyra Brigade groups: Left to right, they are: Capt. John Plessinger of the Battalion; Tom Burrows, Mike Massimer, Mike Theal, Rick Litz, Bob Hess, and Tom Theal, Stockade chief. Back row, Bob Markley, Bob Theal, Rodger Nye, Harry Theal, and Lt. Alvin Clawser. (Photo by Allen Zook.)

SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA. The men of the Grace Brethren Church are becoming more alert to their potentials by striving to make each men's meeting an adventure with God. They have decided that the purpose of the meeting is to introduce the unsaved to Christ, rather than to merely have fellowship with one another. (The men of Grace church get together each Saturday morning for fellowship and breakfast.)

The men feel that it is more advantageous to meet in the closed dining room of a local restaurant than in the social hall of the church, for many men who would turn down an invitation to a church dinner will not turn down an invitation to dinner in a local restaurant.

At each monthly dinner meeting, each man is to bring an unsaved friend to hear the personal testimony of a saved layman. At the group's first meeting in a local restaurant, all but three men brought an unsaved guest! They feel that they are now beginning to accomplish the real purpose of a men's brotherhood; that is, *evangelism.*

Pray for the men of the San Bernardino group that God will make each one of them "a fisher of men."

Officers of the fellowship are Al Needles, president; Gordon Bond, vice president; and Ernest Payne, treasurer.

SUNNYSIDE, WASHINGTON. The First Brethren laymen's fellowship hosted the church basketball team as their honored guests on April 5 at a banquet meeting. A brass trio, members of the basketball team, and a layman's quartet furnished special music for the occasion. (See photos at bottom of page.)

Several fine testimonies were given, and Pastor Moore introduced the special speaker for the evening, Rev. Leo Polman. He brought a challenging message of interest to all who were present.

On May 3, a father and son banquet was sponsored by the laymen. Mr. Loggee of Alcohol Problems, Inc., was the speaker of the evening. I. James White is president of the laymen's fellowship.



Sunnyside basketball team and coaches.



Group of Sunnyside laymen at banquet.

Along the Bible Way

THE LAST WORDS OF WILLIAM TYNDALE (BURNED AT THE STAKE) WERE: "LORD, OPEN THE KING OF ENGLAND'S EYES." HIS PRAYER WAS SOON ANSWERED



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HEARKEN TO HAGGAI!

PART II

By Rev. Arthur L. Pekarek

Pastor, Grace Brethren Church
Chico, California

In this little practical book of the Old Testament the Prophet Haggai gives three different messages on three different dates with three different admonitions: Exhortation, chapter 1; Encouragement, 2:1-9; and Examination, 2:10-23. In the first message we noted that when the "word of the Lord came through Haggai" to stir up the people, they obeyed and began to do the work of rebuilding the Temple which had been desolated for over fifteen years. But in the process of building, they became discouraged, so Haggai brings this message which has three different aspects—Past, Present, and Future.

First of all they are reminded of the past, for he says in verse 3: "Who is left among you that saw this house in her first glory? And how do ye see it now? Is it not in your eyes in comparison of it as nothing?" Some of the older folks were bewailing the idea and discouraging the work because they remembered the beauty and glory of Solomon's Temple. In Ezra 3:11 there was great rejoicing because the Temple was again being rebuilt, even though it was being made out of mud and wood. Ezra further tells of the history of this rebuilding and gives us insight into what Haggai is now warning these people; that is, they are to forget the past.

Ezra 3:12 tells how these older people even wept because they gloried in the old Temple and compared it to the present one now in construction. The new generation spirit was almost killed by the pillars of the church. (Someone has well said; "A pillar is that which holds up the works!") What a lesson for us today! Let us not live in the past and wish again for the leeks and the onions! Could there possibly be envy and jealousy held by some of these old timers as they waited on the sidelines to watch the parade of workers? Sometimes the adults hold this attitude toward the young people and toward new converts in our local churches. May none of us be guilty before God for this fact!

The second aspect of the prophet's message is the *Encouragement* of the present (vv. 4-5). He gives two commands: "Be strong!" and "to work!" These same two commands are given throughout the Word of God in various places. Paul uses them with the same specific words in Ephesians 6:10 where he tells us to "Be strong in the Lord" and "to pray in the Spirit!" He gives us the formula of how to be strong and commands to "put on the whole armour of God!" Why? Because we have a real enemy who is fighting a real battle. This battle is not against flesh and blood, but it is a spiritual battle and should be fought with spiritual weapons. He points out this armor is to be used for the work.

Yes; prayer is work! It is, and should be, the work of the Christian. Of course, we are not to sweat and labor or shed tears, and so forth in prayer to make it more real. However, I am afraid all of us are guilty of doing other things, and putting prayer the last work for God on our list. In fact, most of us would rather do a day's work of manual labor than to really pray. Does not our prayer meeting attendance give us some idea of what people really think of prayer? How about the national poll taken by the Family Altar League which betrays the personal Bible study and prayer life along with the family altar time? Their report was only 5 percent of the average American church-goer actually participates. Paul says, "Pray without ceasing!" What does that mean? It means to pray and pray and pray until the Spirit gives you definite peace that He will answer it because the following verse gives

the result: "In everything give thanks!" We could not give thanks unless we have prayed it through.

Paul again refers to these two commands in II Timothy 2 where he writes to young Timothy, "Be strong!" and then, "Work!" How? He says: "To commit thou unto faithful men!" Say! This is work! It's hard enough work to find a faithful man let alone the hard work it takes to develop one! Paul was reminding Timothy how he had to labor as a "nurse who cares for her children" to get him to become faithful. It is so much easier to do the work yourself than to take the extra effort to train someone else. But this will test us to be strong in the Lord. Yes, Haggai! We are hearkening to His words through you!

This leads us to the last aspect of the prophet's *Encouragement;* that is, the things of the future as prophesied in verses 6-9. These verses tell those people of the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. We can look back and see that many details of this prophecy had been fulfilled at His coming in the flesh, but also there are some details yet to be fulfilled at His coming in the clouds of glory. Peter states (I Pet. 1:10-12) that the prophets of old did not distinguish between His first and second coming. We can "rightly divide the Word" because we have the mystery unveiled in the complete revelation, and we know He is coming again!

The Lord tells Haggai that "it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens and the earth." In one sense, this prophecy has been partly fulfilled because when Christ was manifested in the flesh, the heavens vibrated with the angelic host "praising God and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, good will toward men." This is exactly what Haggai writes in verse 9 when the Lord says: "And in this place will I give peace!" Notice! This One was not to "usher in" a peace to this Temple, but to "give" peace. Jesus is the Prince of Peace only to those who accept Him as such. While He walked throughout the courts of this Zerubbabel Temple in Jerusalem, He offered His peace to any or all who would come unto Him. He said: "My peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you" (John 14:27). But then He leaves us with the future aspect to encourage us: "Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." Is this not the *encouragement* He has for us so that we will "occupy till he comes"?

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CURRENT NEWS

MEMBER EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION

RITTMAN, OHIO. Charles Turner, pastor of the First Brethren Church, reports a new high of 325 in Sunday school on Easter Sunday.

HOMERVILLE, OHIO. The West Homer Brethren Church, Robert Holmes, pastor, is planning to begin construction on an addition to their present building in the near future. Evangelist Bob Collitt held revival meetings during Apr. 8-15. There were many blessings and decisions for Christ.

WARSAW, IND. Charles R. Taber has announced his resignation as pastor of the Community Grace Brethren Church of Warsaw, Ind., effective June 10. The Taber family will be moving to Hartford, Conn., where Brother Taber will serve as research assistant to Prof. William Samarin in a project to prepare a grammar and a dictionary of the Sango language used in the Central African Republic. He will also take post-graduate study in linguistics in preparation for further service in the African field at such time as the Lord opens the door for returning. Brother Taber is now free of symptoms of malignancy, but must wait for a period of time so that the doctors may check periodically for recurrence. Patsy had successful surgery in Indianapolis recently.

CLEVELAND, OHIO. Rev. James Marshall, Brethren missionary to Argentina, was guest speaker at the First Brethren Church April 22. Clair Brickel is pastor.

FORT WAYNE, IND. The Heralds of Grace male quartet, of Grace College, was featured in the evening service at First Brethren Church May 6. Arnold Kriegbaum, Dean of Men at Grace College, delivered the message. Mark Malles is pastor.

HAGERSTOWN, MD. The Calvary Brethren Church, Jack Peters, pastor, broke their attendance record in Sunday school on Easter with 384 present. The church dedicated its new educational building May 13.

CONEMAUGH, PA. The East district SMM rally was held at the Singer Hill Grace Brethren Church, Apr. 28, with over 300 in attendance. Glenn Byers was host pastor.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH. On a recent Sunday the Grace Brethren Church, Earle Peer pastor, dedicated new hymnbooks, which were presented by a member of the church, and a table and chorus books given by the Michigan district SMM. On Easter Sunday all previous attendance records were broken with 71 people in Sunday school.

GARWIN, IOWA. One hundred young people, of five churches, assembled near Le Grand for an Easter Sunday morning breakfast. Mr. Kettell, pastor of the Carlton Brethren Church, was the speaker.

ALBANY, OREG. The Grace Brethren Church called Nelson E. Hall to serve as pastor for the fourth year with a 21 percent increase in salary.

WOOSTER, OHIO. The First Brethren Church, Kenneth Ashman, pastor, announced high attendances in the services on Easter Sunday. There were 385 in Bible school and 442 in the morning worship. There were 240 in attendance at communion service Apr. 18. This represents 75 percent of resident membership.

CUYAHOGA FALLS, OHIO. Grace Brethren Church announces attendances of 214 in Sunday school and 202 in church on Apr. 22. Richard Burch is pastor.

CHEYENNE, WYO. The First Brethren Church, Russell Williams, pastor, reports that twice this year all records for Sunday school and church have been broken. The newest attendance record stands at 188.

MANSFIELD, OHIO. There were 345 present on Easter Sunday morning at the Woodville Grace Brethren Church. Leon Myers is pastor.

ALEXANDRIA, VA. The Commonwealth Avenue Brethren Sunday school was awarded ninth place in the C Division of the International "March to Sunday School in March" contest that was sponsored by the National Sunday School Association. On May 13, ground was broken for their new Christian Education building. Harold Etling was the groundbreaking speaker. John Burns is pastor.

ALTOONA, PA. Rev. and Mrs. Roy Glass announce the arrival of daughter Lisa Anne, 6 lb. 10 oz. born on May 1. Mr. Glass is pastor of the Grace Brethren Church.

JOHNSON CITY, TENN. On April 1, Cynthia Joy, 7 lbs. 9½ oz; was born to Rev. and Mrs. Charles Martin of Grace Brethren Church. The quiz team from this church won the district championship for the second straight year.

WATERLOO, IOWA. Mrs. Maggie Peck, faithful member of the Grace Brethren Church, celebrated her 90th birthday, Apr. 23. John Aeby, pastor.

ROANOKE, VA. At a recent revival at the Clearbrook Brethren Church there were two first-time decisions and six rededications of life. Gerald Teeter, pastor at Findlay, Ohio, was the evangelist. On Apr. 28 approximately 55 members and friends of the church gave the pastor's family a surprise food and gift shower. The laymen are in the process

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 30 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Church	*Date*	*Pastor*	*Speaker*
Covington, Va.	May 16-27	Mason Cooper	Bob Collitt
San Bernardino, Calif.	May 20-27	Emlyn Jones	Leonard Eilers
Elkhart, Ind.	May 21-27	Gordon Bracker	Dusty Rhoades
Buena Vista, Va.	May 27-June 3	Edward Lewis	Bill Smith

of digging out the basement of the church for additional Sunday school rooms. Carlton J. Fuller is pastor.

YORK, PA. Herman Koontz, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, was extended an indefinite call by a unanimous vote at a recent meeting of the church. At a previous business meeting he was given a salary increase.

WINONA LAKE, IND. The Gospel-Heirs girl's quartet of Grace College, along with Ava Schnittjer, Dean of Women, will be touring the East this summer. Beginning the Sunday after graduation, the ten-week tour will take the ladies through Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania. The quartet is comprised of Marcia Hulliberger, Dorothy Engleberth, Judy Rager and Miriam Ashman.

WINONA LAKE, IND. Groundbreaking services for the new Grace College dormitory was conducted May 9. The new building is presently under construction.

NOTICE: Pastors, Sunday-school superintendents and secretaries are urged to mail their next quarter's Sunday-school orders in immediately to the Brethren Missionary Herald.

FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA. The Grace Brethren Church, Ralph Colburn, pastor, reports an overflowing crowd of 498 in Sunday school on Easter Sunday. The Sunday-school average for the month of April was over 400. A special presentation of the Jewish Passover was made by Rev. Albert Shiffman, a Hebrew Christian, Apr. 15.

OSKALOOSA, IOWA. Forrest Jackson, pastor of the First Brethren Church, of Dallas Center, was the special speaker for Senior Recognition Day at William Penn College on May 1.

TUCSON, ARIZ. The Silverbell Community Grace Brethren Church held its first communion service, Apr. 27, with Dr. L. L. Grubb as guest speaker. The whole membership, except for Earnest Stankey with the Navy at San Diego, participated in the communion. In addition there were eight participants not yet in formal membership with the Brethren church, and four young members taking their first communion. At the Easter Sunrise Service there were 58 present. J. C. McKillen, pastor.

ANKENYTOWN, OHIO. Howard Snively has accepted the call to the pastorate of the First Brethren Church here. He will assume his new duties July 22. For the past two years he has been pastoring the Pleasant Valley Community Church. He will graduate from Grace Theological Seminary May 31.

WINONA LAKE, IND. The Melvin Baker Memorial Fund Committee reports that to date over $1200 has been given for the furnishing of the lounge in the new Grace College dormitory building. A goal of $2000 was originally set. It would be appreciated if churches or persons holding donations would send them to the committee to Box 728, Winona Lake, Ind.

Wedding Bells

Announcements in this column are published when sent in by a pastor.

Barbara Lee Smith and Robert D. McConkie, Jan. 27, at the Grace Brethren Church, Mansfield, Ohio.

Marilyn De Lee Jones and Larry E. Taylor, Mar. 9, at the Grace Brethren Church, Mansfield, Ohio.

ENDS EARTHLY PILGRIMAGE

Notices of death appearing in this column must be sumbitted in writing by a pastor.

MOTE, Mrs. Phoebe, 91, went to be with the Lord Feb. 15. She was a faithful member of Grace Brethren Church, Lake Odessa, Mich.

Lee Crist, pastor.

McLAVEY, Mrs. Eva, was loosed away upward to be with her Lord, April 23, 1962. She had been a member of the Grace Brethren Church, Albany, Oregon, since 1955. Her death came very suddenly. The past three years she attended the services as much as her health would permit.

Nelson E. Hall, pastor

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EDITORIALS

By William A. Ogden, Executive Vice President

The Best of Books Was in His Hands

Dr. W. H. Griffith Thomas related that a number of years ago an enterprising pressman wrote to a hundred men representing various positions and classes in England—peers of the realm, members of the House of Commons, professional men, merchants, and others—with this inquiry: "Suppose you were condemned to three years' solitary imprisonment, and could take with you only three books, which three would you select? Please state them in the order of your preference." Ninety-eight out of the hundred put the Bible first of the three; and this is all the more remarkable because quite a number of these men were not only non-Christian or even churchgoers, but some also had actually worked against the Christian religion.

The heart of man cries out for the God who can communicate with him. It is folly to believe in a God who cannot reveal himself to His creatures. It is equally foolish to believe in a God who will not reveal himself to man. Our God has revealed himself in the person of His Son. The Bible is the record of that revelation. But how few professing Christians read the record regularly and carefully? How many of the earth's millions know nothing at all about this wonderful Book?

Grace Seminary is just graduating its twenty-fifth class of trained men and women—trained in the Word of God, trained to know and to tell its precious message to dying men. This year's class will scatter throughout the world as others have before them. Will you pray for them? Will you support them as missionaries and pastors? The answer may be found in this question: Have you given the best offering this year to the Brethren Foreign Missionary Society you are capable of giving?

Weighed in the Balances

In the vastness of boundless space and spinning universes, the God of creation has set His heart upon man. He very carefully weighs His thoughts, His deeds, His motives: "Thou art weighed in the balances." Man is finally judged by the history he has himself written, "and art found wanting." Belshazzar, the proud king of "this great Babylon" (Dan. 4:30), is representative of every man who seeks to run his life without God.

David stood in awe and amazement when he considered the heavens, the work of God's fingers, the moon and the stars ordained of God; he cried out: "What is man that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man that thou visitest him?" (Ps. 8). Other men see the same moon, the same stars, the same intricate measureless universe and say in their hearts: "There is no God." "Man is supreme." This is demonstrated in the words of the Russian cosmonaut Titov who is reported to have said recently at the Seattle World's Fair: "I do not believe in God." He goes on to say: "Sometimes the people say that God is living there [in space], but I haven't found anyone there."

Now, suppose that God dwells in a fortress as material as the Kremlin itself. Has Mr. Titov in his seventeen turns around the planet earth at the height of less than 500 miles really seen the heavens from the outside, to say nothing of the inside? Mr. Titov knows that the universe is vastly greater than that part through which he passed. He knows that there are other bodies in the heavens that are solid mass; yet he collided with none of them. He knows that unnumbered stars garnish the heavens millions of light years from the earth; yet he exults that he has searched the heavens and has not found God! Titov: "Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting."

In things closer to earth than orbiting space ships, the limitations of man are underlined. He is not capable spiritually of controlling his own inventions or living up to the level of his own ideals. An outstanding insurance company makes a survey of the death toll on our Nation's highways. They say that there were 3,094,600 casualties in 1961, and it was not a faulty machine or a poor road; but "the driver himself who was the basic factor in more than 70,000,000 casualties in the past sixty years. The conclusion is obvious. In most accidents the guilty party is man and not machine, mind and not motor, reflex and not roadway."

Man dreams of a perfect world, a warless state, Eden restored. Representatives of the governments of the world sit at conference tables in Switzerland and New York and talk peace, but they go out and build walls and "iron curtains," and threaten to rain undescribable atomic death from the heavens to destroy millions of innocent men, women, and children whom they call "enemies." The people who will be destroyed in this awful manner have had no chance to be friends and no cause to be enemies. Ambitious men with dreams too big to be realized and power beyond their control stand today in the room of Belshazzar—Alexander, Napoleon, Hitler and all the rest of such men—and to them God is saying: "Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting!"

But there is still an answer. It is found only by men who will humble themselves, confess their folly, and seek God. David shows us the way in these lines from his thirty-ninth Psalm: "Lord, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am. Behold, thou hast made my days as an handbreadth; and mine age is as nothing before thee: verily every man at his best state is altogether vanity. Surely every man walketh in a vain shew: surely they are disquieted in vain: he heapeth up riches, and knoweth not who shall gather them. And now, Lord, what wait I for? My hope is in thee. Deliver me from all my transgressions: make me not the reproach of the foolish."

Our New President



Dr. Herman A. Hoyt

As already announced in the news items of a previous issue of the Brethren Missionary Herald, Dr. Herman A. Hoyt has been elected by the board of trustees to be the new president of Grace Theological Seminary and Grace College. Although the official change in the presidency has been set by the board for September 1, 1962, Dr. Hoyt has been asked to assume its duties and responsibilities on June 4.

The new president is certainly not unknown to our Brethren people and to the churches of the National Fellowship. Through past years he has been heard often by our congregations, in district and national conferences; and his writings have appeared in the *Missionary Herald* and various publications and books. He is widely known for his valued ministry here in our only institution of higher education. But we forget sometimes that new members are constantly being added to the churches, children are growing up into adults, and new congregations are being organized where the people may have very little knowledge, if any, about the personal history and achievements of those who serve in the national organizations of The Brethren Church. For these reasons, I have been asked by Dr. W. A. Ogden to write something about the newly elected president of our school. This I am very glad to do, for I have been intimately acquainted with Brother Hoyt for over thirty years; first, as a student in my classes; and then as a valued colleague on the faculties of two different schools. These associations have been very happy ones. In the words of Scripture: I "know the proof of him, that as a son . . . he hath served with me in the gospel."

Brother Hoyt was born March 12, 1909, in the State of Iowa, the eldest in a large family of children, and spent his early years in the town of Dallas Center, where he was a member of The Brethren Church. In 1930 he married Harriet L. Fitz of Dallas Center. They have two sons: Joseph Paul and Edwin Max, with one grandchild, all residing at Winona Lake.

Dr. Hoyt's education has been marked by consistently high scholastic achievement. He graduated from the Dallas Center High School in 1927 as valedictorian of his class; and graduated from Ashland College in 1932, again as valedictorian. Three years later he received his first theological degree from Ashland Theological Seminary, graduating with highest honors (summa cum laude), and having served as president of his class. In the summer of 1935 he began advanced studies in languages in the graduate school of the University of Michigan. He continued graduate study at Grace Theological Seminary, receiving the Master of Theology degree in 1939 and the Doctor of Theology in 1946.

Dr. Hoyt's teaching experience has been broad in scope and distinguished in character. Following graduation from high school, he taught for one year in a country school. During his senior year at Ashland Theological Seminary, he taught Greek in the college; and at the conclusion of the theological course he was called to the professorship of Greek and New Testament in Ashland Seminary. He continued teaching for a period of six years. In 1936 the teaching of Hebrew was added to his regular duties. In 1937 he was appointed professor of Greek and New Testament at Grace Theological Seminary, in which position he has served for twenty-five years. With remarkable versatility he has taught well in other theological and Biblical fields in times of emergency. In 1955 he traveled extensively in Europe and the Holy Land.

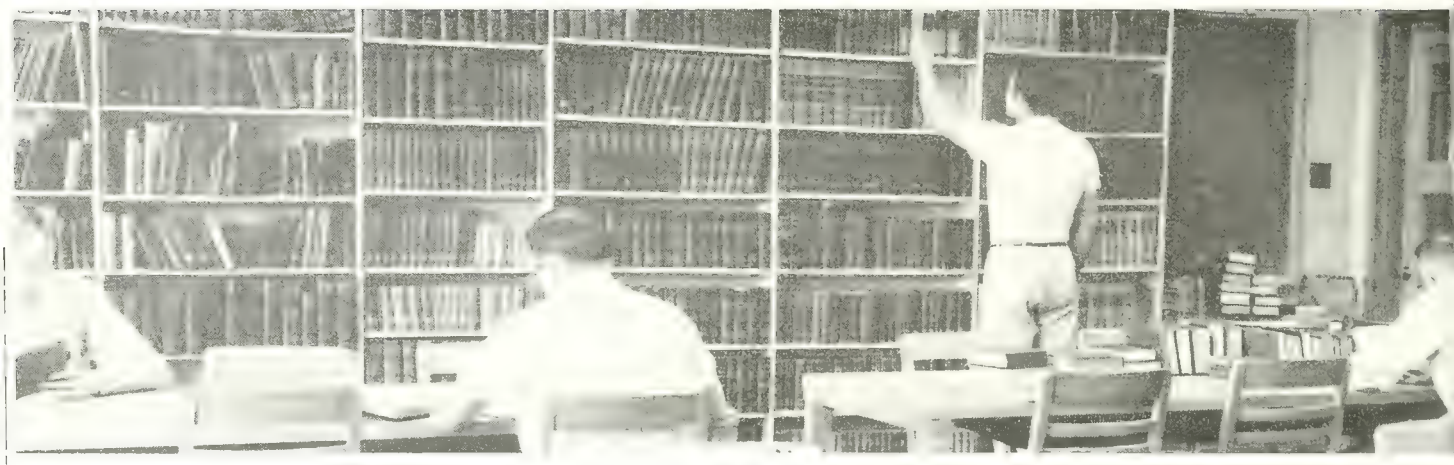
During his academic career, Dr. Hoyt has held various administrative positions. At Ashland Seminary he served as secretary of the faculty. At Grace Theological Seminary he served as secretary of the faculty for six years, as registrar for five years, and as Dean of the school (Seminary and College) from 1948 to 1962. He also served as Acting President during two periods when the president was absent on account of serious illness.

Dr. Hoyt has held various important positions in our national church organization. He was an active member of the group which founded Grace Theological Seminary. He was elected president of the Brethren Bible Conference, organized in 1940, which later became the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches; and was honored by election as its Moderator in 1944. He was chairman of our first committee on church publications, helped organize the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, was elected a member of the board and served as its president for ten years.

He has written expositions on Hebrews, Romans, and Revelation; three books on the distinctive positions of The Brethren Church; a book on the New Birth; and is working on an extended treatise on the Book of Revelation.

Dr. Hoyt has had a wide ministry as a Bible teacher and preacher in many churches and conferences both within and outside of the Brethren Fellowship, including such well-known gatherings as the Keswick Conferences of the United States, Canada, and Haiti; the New York and West Coast [illegible]

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A LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGE EDUCATION-- WHAT PURPOSE?

By Carl E. Cripe

The other day in one of our classes at Grace College, a student asked me this question: "How can this course possibly help me prepare for the job for which I am training?" If my answer had been that the course was *directly* helpful for the specific job under consideration, and if I had supported this statement with concrete evidences, the discussion would have been over. But the fact of the matter is that the course was *not* specifically designed to prepare students for *that* job. In fact, it was not designed to prepare students *directly* for any job.

This is but one example of the general lack of direct relationship between courses in a liberal arts college and specific job requirements. The question arises, what, if anything, should be done about this? Should courses be reshaped so as to be more directly preparatory for certain jobs? Or should those courses which do not have such a relationship be deleted altogether, and thus, by a process of elimination, pare down the total curricula to those things which are imminently practical? In other words, is the chief function of an education in a liberal arts college the preparation of students for specific jobs? The answer to this question dare not be yes.

If the answer to the above question is yes, then the time, money, and efforts expended on such an education are largely wasted. The point may be illustrated in this way. Suppose you are the chief chemist in a certain industrial establishment. You are looking for an assistant whose job it will be to run certain quality tests. Two men apply for the job. One of these men has a bachelor's degree with a major in chemistry. The other man is a high school graduate and has had only high school chemistry. Either man, if hired, must learn the specific laboratory routine which the job entails. The college graduate, if diligent, may master the technique within a week. The other applicant, if at all competent, will have mastered the same technique within three months. If this is true, and the chief function of the college graduate's education was to prepare him for this job, then all but two months and three weeks of his time in school was wasted. It would be far better to develop a three-month training program

for industrial chemists and to cease the wasting of precious time, energy, and funds.

That this is a gross oversimplification is painfully obvious. But that is precisely the point! Doesn't any effort to equate the chief function of a college education with some sort of specialized job training lead to the same farcical outcome? It is concluded, therefore, that the business of a college is not to prepare students for specific jobs. But in coming to this conclusion one is obliged to present an alternative.

The question is, then, what are some of the legitimate functions of a college education? Every person who defines these functions will probably come up with a unique list. I shall confine this list to several very basic elements upon which there is at least a measure of agreement. These are:

1. An opportunity for directed and supervised study.

2. An opportunity for a quest of knowledge limited only by the student's finiteness, his ability, and his desire.

3. An exposure to a variety of mental disciplines which broaden the student's background and encourage the strengthening of his mental faculties.

4. An opportunity for specializing in a chosen field of study.

5. An evaluation of the student's progress and level of achievement.

In a Christian college, such as our Grace College, the ideal is that all of the above shall transpire, not in a vacuum, but in a definitely Christ-centered atmosphere.

We conclude, therefore, that a college education is not primarily the acquisition of a body of facts nor the mastery of a few practical subjects. Rather the primary emphasis is on mental training and discipline. If rightly pursued, a college education can issue in the development of a tool useful throughout a lifetime of study. Basic facts and principles are, of course, not ignored. But the importance of acquiring a few such facts and principles is greatly diminished if the faculties for a lifetime of such acquistion are not developed.

OUR NEW PRESIDENT

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ecy; and the Winona Lake Bible Conference.

He has been a member of the board of trustees of Bryan University since 1946; and is president of the board of the Christian League for the Handicapped. He is a charter member of the Evangelical Theological Society; a member of the National Education Association; and has served for three years on the Indiana State Advisory Committee for non-Western Studies in Undergraduate Education.

Disproving the notion that high academic achievement necessarily means separation from other normal activities, Dr. Hoyt has lived a well-rounded life. For example, he has always been interested in sports. As captain of his high school football team during his junior year, he led the team so successfully that it was the only one in Iowa that completed the season without having a point scored against it. And at Ashland College he played during his freshman year against Carnegie Tech, probably the toughest competition Ashland ever faced.

May the Lord bless you richly, Brother Hoyt, as you assume the heavy and endless duties which will rest upon your shoulders in the days ahead.

—Alva J. McClain

GIFTS TO GRACE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

May 1962

	General Fund	Building Fund
Allegheny		
Aleppo, Pa.	2.00	23.25
Listie, Pa.	364.98	4.00
Meyersdale, Pa.	337.65	16.00
Parkersburg, W. Va.	27.00	
Uniontown, Pa.	41.26	
Washington, Pa.	7.76	
East		
Altoona, Pa.	27.75	
Conemaugh, Pa.	105.00	275.00
Conemaugh, Pa. (Pike)	173.30	
Conemaugh, Pa. (Singer Hill)	51.60	
Everett, Pa.	42.05	
Johnstown, Pa. (First)	345.05	96.50
Martinsburg, Pa.	45.50	
Indiana		
Berne	143.00	27.00
Clay City	21.00	
Elkhart	93.00	36.00
Fort Wayne (Grace)	60.60	8.15
Kokomo	100.00	
Leesburg	38.17	9.76
Osceola	35.00	
Peru	87.00	
Sidney	6.00	
South Bend	75.50	3.00
Warsaw	15.00	6.00
Wheaton, Ill.	17.00	10.00
Winona Lake	102.49	
Iowa		
Cedar Rapids	167.00	200.00
Dallas Center	114.00	33.00
Leon	6.00	
North English	7.00	
Waterloo	165.20	48.56
Winona, Minn.	12.00	
Michigan		
Hastings	5.00	
New Troy	38.00	
Mid-Atlantic		
Alexandria, Va.	91.20	
Hagerstown, Md. (Calvary)	186.66	2.00
Hagerstown, Md. (Gay Street)	81.75	
Martinsburg, W. Va.		100.00
Winchester, Va.	35.50	8.50
Midwest		
Portis, Kans.	99.00	82.00
Nor-Cal.		
Chico, Calif.	25.00	
San Jose, Calif.	11.00	
Northern Atlantic		
Allentown, Pa.	20.98	4.00
Lancaster, Pa.	24.00	
Palmyra, Pa.	122.45	
Philadelphia, Pa. (First)	482.50	112.00
Philadelphia, Pa. (Third)	187.30	296.00
Northern Ohio		
Ashland	633.00	
Ankenytown	141.55	86.50
Canton	5.00	
Cleveland	3.00	
Cuyahoga Falls	111.50	
Danville	15.00	
Fremont	272.25	76.96
Homerville	65.75	1.00
Mansfield	397.50	4.00
Middlebranch	131.00	
Wooster	278.28	86.00
Northwest		
Harrah	108.00	
Seattle	200.71	
Sunnyside	113.00	37.00
Toppenish	4.60	
Southeast		
Limestone, Tenn.	35.50	
Southern California and Arizona		
Artesia, Calif.	15.50	5.00
Compton, Calif.	250.00	
Fillmore, Calif.	54.50	
Inglewood, Calif.	25.55	
Long Beach, Calif. (First)	477.00	28.50
Long Beach, Calif. (Los Altos)	10.00	
Norwalk, Calif.	144.75	8.10
Phoenix, Ariz.	60.75	
Seal Beach, Calif.	4.00	
South Pasadena, Calif.	25.00	
Temple City, Calif.	.40	1.00
Whittier, Calif. (Community)	8.34	
Whittier, Calif. (First)	450.25	
Southern Ohio		
Clayton	58.31	12.00
Dayton (North Riverdale)	272.88	2,295.00
Dayton (Patterson Park)	94.00	
Englewood	153.55	
Vandalia	70.00	
Miscellaneous		
Isolated Brethren	17.50	2.50
Non-Brethren	275.00	40.00
Student Body Offering	13.23	
National Brethren WMC	48.68	1,816.55
Maintenance	21.00	
Totals	9,312.03	5,900.83
Designated Gifts:		
Hollidaysburg, Pa.		25.00
Goshen, Ind.		
Winona Lake, Ind.		
Ashland, Ohio		
Mansfield, Ohio		
Middlebranch, Ohio		
Non-Brethren		
National Fellowship of Laymen		.00
National Brethren		5.00
Total		814.06

BESIDE THE STILL WATERS

BY REV. DEAN I. WALTER

Pastor, Vicksburg Brethren Church
Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania

Thomas Edward Brown wrote the very familiar lines, *My Garden*, a poem that expresses the inner thoughts of most of us as we follow the hand of the Creator through a garden.

A garden is a lovesome thing, God wot!
Rose plot,
Fringed pool,
Fern'd grot—
The veriest school of peace;
And yet the fool
Contends that God is not—
Not God! in gardens! when the eve is cool?
Nay, but I have a sign;
'Tis very sure God walks in mine.

Men of every degree and from every walk of life acknowledge in one way or another the mighty force of creation. It is about us always; it swells up with every sunrise and reverberates in every sunset. It speaks with a thunderous voice in the storm, and flashes from hilltop to mountain crest when the jagged tentacles of lightning lash out across the sky. It filters down in every snowfall and comes fresh with every shower of summer. It looks up from every waxen lily's face and broods down from every tree of the forest. Some call it Nature; others call it natural law; others call it The Order of Things; others of us call it God. William Carruth phrased it:

A haze on the far horizon
The infinite tender sky,
The ripe, rich tint of the cornfields,
And the wild geese sailing high:
And all over upland and lowland
The charm of the golden rod—
Some of us call it autumn,
And others call it God.

The evidence is undeniable that here is order, design, law . . . and even beauty and character. But some who do not like the idea of God must call it by some other name. It is more comforting. It is less demanding. The laws of nature can make us conform; but they do not necessarily make us contrite. The force of gravity exerts its pull and draws us toward the center of the earth; but it does not necessarily exert a pull upon our hearts and draw us toward the center of the will of God. So natural law and natural man get on well together; there is no clash of personality.

But if we are to believe God's Book, this order, this law, this intelligence, is a fragment of the power and purpose of God, and the God of Creation is the Christ who once built boats and laid beams in Nazareth. We read from the first chapter of the Book of John: "All things were made by him, and without him was not anything made that was made."

Now the more we ponder upon these thoughts the more orderly and intricate and well planned the whole order of creation begins to appear. The barrier between the seen and the unseen begins to fall away; the natural and the supernatural begin to merge; the forces of Nature and the power of God become commentaries on each other. Creation and recreation when traced to their source flow through the same channel. And then we begin to understand a bit more how it was that the Man who walked through the cobblestone streets of Capernaum could just as easily walk across the white capped waves of Galilee. And the same One who spoke to the demented derelict of Gadara and caused that tortured mind and heart to rest could also speak to the winds and the waves and hush them to a great calm. It is not surprising that this Man could ride in perfect composure upon a young colt upon which man never sat before, and say without hesitation that the stones of the street would cry Hosannah, if He permitted them.

The Apostle Paul wrote to the believers at Colosse and told them that the One in whom they had put their faith for deliverance from the kingdom of darkness and in whom they had forgiveness and redemption was the image of the invisible God; that all things were created through Him and for Him; that He was before all things and that by Him or through Him, all things consist or hold together. It is the hand of the Saviour that held the warm, saliva-soaked fists of the children that also flung the stars into space. The astronomers tell us they are still fleeing from one source into infinite space. It is those same fingers about which the children's delicate fingers wound, when He lifted them into his lap to bless them . . . these same fingers that hold creation together. "By Him all things consist [hold together]." Is there any wonder that when these hands were nailed to a cross, and these fingers for a moment relaxed their hold that Nature rebelled, and the earth's surface loosed from its moorings and trembled. Is there any wonder that the atmosphere convulsed and the heavens refused to let light shine through on such a spectacle as this.

Ah, yes, but it was only for a moment when the God of creation devoted His entire energies to the greatest wonder of time or eternity: the breaking through the wall of death that separated a loving God from His lost creatures. This being completed, the earth arighted itself and prepared to welcome Him back from the grave on the first Easter morning.

As a final summary, the Word states: "And without him was not anything made that was made." Paul states in his letter to Colosse that the things which He created include the things in heaven and the things in earth; the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. Now at the beginning of our meditation, we pointed out that man does not object too much to thinking of a power that set material worlds and natural laws in motion, as long as these laws keep within the bounds of materialism and do not reach out into the realms of manners, morality, and accountability. But the contention of the Word is that in all these things God in the person of Jesus Christ is expressing himself. We see His *power* in that all things were made *by* Him. To this men do not object. We see His *purpose* in that all things were created *for* Him. It is this combination of power and purpose that causes the natural heart and mind to flee for hiding.

DORMITORY GROUND BREAKING

The ground-breaking service on May 9 was the official beginning of the building of the new Grace College dormitory-cafeteria.

Miss Ava Schnittjer, dean of women at the school, used a shining gold shovel to turn the first ground. (See cover, top left.) Dr. Alva J. McClain, followed in the ceremony before the faculty members joined in the initiation. (See cover, bottom right).

The speaker at the service of thanksgiving to God and inauguration of the construction was Rev. Scott Weaver, pastor of the Bethel Brethren Church in Osceola, Indiana. (Cover photo, top right.)

DORMITORY BUILDING PLANS

The dormitory ground-breaking ceremonies were conducted on May 9th to allow students and faculty to participate before leaving the campus for the summer vacation. Actual construction of the building will begin when sufficient funds are available for the same.

In light of the growing housing needs on the campus, the board of trustees approved the addition of the fourth floor to the original plans in order to care for an additional seventy-six students. Construction will be less expensive now than if added later.

The total cost of the dormitory as enlarged, will be $600,000. This figure includes all construction, architectural, and furnishing costs. The officers of The Brethren Investment Foundation, through whom the dormitory is to be financed, have concurred in the decision of the executive committee that $300,000 should be on hand before construction begins. The total of gifts and investments on hand at this date is $210,000. It is the immediate goal of the Board and the Foundation to secure an additional $90,000 to guarantee an early start. If such construction could begin soon, the dormitory could be ready for occupancy for the fall semester of 1963.

All pastors and congregations are urged to join in a prayerful effort to secure gifts and loans needed now to facilitate building at once.

Grace Theological Seminary and Grace College

Graduation Service

Thursday, May 31, 7:30 P.M.

Winona Lake Bible Conference Auditorium

Dr. W. A. Ogden, presiding

Professor Donald Ogden, Director of Music

Prelude — Sharon Auxt
*Academic Procession — "Forward! Be Our Watchword"
*Invocation — Reverend John M. Aeby
College Choir — "Holy Lord God"—Cain
Scripture Reading — Reverend W. Wayne Baker
Prayer — Dr. Herman W. Koontz
Hymn — "O Bless the Lord, My Soul"
Annual Seminary and College Announcements — Rev. Paul E. Dick
President of the Seminary and College Board of Trustees
Offering
College Choir — "Follow Me"—Wilson
*Hymn — "Jesus Calls Us"
Male Quartet
Graduation Address—
Reverend William Culbertson, B.D., D.D., LL.D.
Presentation of Class Gifts—Lowell Bennett and Sherwood Durkee
Response — Reverend W. A. Ogden, D.D.
Recognition of Honors — Professor Hobart E. Freeman, Th.D.
Presentation of Candidates — Professor Herman A. Hoyt, Th.D.
Conferring of Diplomas and Degrees—
President Alva J. McClain, LL.D.
Assisted by: Registrar, Homer A. Kent, Sr., Th.D.
Professor of Greek, James L. Boyer, Th.D.
Assistant to the Dean, Homer A. Kent, Jr., Th.D.
Assistant to the Dean, E. William Male, Ed.M.
Hymn — "O Jesus, I Have Promised"
Prayer and Benediction — Reverend Lester E. Pifer
Postlude

Congregation Standing

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HERALDS OF GRACE SUMMER SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 27, a.m.—Goshen, Indiana (Grace)

Saturday, June 2—Youth for Christ, Cheyenne, Wyoming

Sunday, June 3, a.m.—Cheyenne, Wyoming (First)

Sunday, June 3, Afternoon—Arvada, Colorado

Sunday, June 3, p.m.—Denver, Colorado (Grace)

Monday, June 4—Taos, New Mexico (Canon)

Tuesday, June 5—Phoenix, Arizona

Wednesday, June 6—San Diego, California (Grace)

Thursday, June 7—Beaumont, California (Cherry Valley)

Friday, June 8— Los Angeles, California (Community)

Sunday, June 10, a.m.—Whittier, California (Community)

Sunday, June 10, p.m.—Whittier, California (First)

Monday, June 11—Fillmore, California

Tuesday, June 12—Seal Beach, California (First)

Wednesday, June 13—South Gate, California (First)

Friday, June 15—Artesia, California

Sunday, June 17, a.m.—Glendale, California (First)

Sunday, June 17, p.m.—Inglewood, California (First)

Tuesday, June 19, LaVerne, California (First)

Wednesday, June 20—West Covina, California

Thursday, June 21, Rialto, California

Friday, June 22—South Pasadena, California (Fremont)

Sunday, June 24, a.m.—Long Beach, California (First)

Sunday, June 24, p.m.—Long Beach, California (North Long Beach)

Tuesday, June 26—Bellflower, California (First)

Wednesday, June 27—Anaheim, California (Grace)

Thursday, June 28—Paramount, California

Friday, June 29—Los Angeles, California

Sunday, July 1, a.m.—Compton, California (First)

Sunday, July 1, p.m.—Norwalk, California

Tuesday, July 3—Tracy, California (First)

Wednesday, July 4—Modesto, California (LaLoma)

Thursday, July 5—Chico, California (Grace)

Friday, July 6—Albany, Oregon (Grace)

Saturday, July 7—District Youth Banquet—Sunnyside, Washington

Sunday, July 8, Sunnyside, Washington (First)

Sunday, July 8, afternoon—Toppenish, Washington (Grace)

Sunday, July 8, p.m.—Grandview, Washington (First)

Monday, July 9—Seattle, Washington

Tuesday, July 10-14—Washington District Youth Camp

Sunday, July 15, a.m.—Spokane, Washington (First)

Wednesday, July 18—Beaver City, Nebraska

Thursday, July 19—Portis, Kansas

Friday, July 20—Leon, Iowa

Sunday, July 22, a.m.—Dallas Center, Iowa

Sunday, July 22, p.m.—Garwin, Iowa

Tuesday, July 24 —Waterloo, Iowa

Wednesday, July 25—Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Thursday, July 26—Davenport, Iowa

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GOSPEL-HEIRS SUMMER SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 3, a.m.—Berrien Springs, Michigan
Sunday, June 3, p.m.—Grand Rapids, Michigan
Monday, June 4—Alto, Michigan
Tuesday, June 5—Lake Odessa, Michigan
Wednesday, June 6—Lansing, Michigan
Friday, June 8—Fremont, Ohio
Sunday, June 10 a.m.—Ashland, Ohio
Sunday, June 10, p.m.—
Monday, June 11—Cleveland, Ohio
Tuesday, June 12—Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio
Wednesday, June 13—
Thursday, June 14—
Friday, June 15—Grace Bible, Berne, Indiana
Sunday, June 17, a.m.—Bethel Brethren Church, Berne, Indiana
Sunday, June 17, p.m.—Covington, Ohio
Monday, June 18—Troy, Ohio
Tuesday, June 19—Trotwood, Ohio
Wednesday, June 20—Dayton, Ohio (First)
Thursday, June 21—Camden, Ohio (to be confirmed)
Friday, June 22—Vandalia, Ohio (to be confirmed)
Saturday, June 23—
Sunday, June 24, a.m.—Kettering, Ohio
Sunday, June 24, p.m.—Dayton, Ohio (Patterson Park)
Monday, June 25—Clayhole, Kentucky
Tuesday, June 26—Dryhill, Kentucky
Wednesday, June 27—Johnson City, Tennessee
Thursday, June 28—Limestone, Tennessee
Saturday, June 30—Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Youth for Christ
Sunday, July 1, 9:30 a.m.—Pompano Beach, Florida
Sunday, July 1, 11:00—Fort Lauderdale, Florida
Sunday, July 1, 3.00—Ground-breaking, Pompano Beach, Florida (tentative)
Sunday, July 1, 6:00—Youth meeting
Sunday, July 1, 7:00—District Conference, Fort Lauderdale, Florida
Monday and Tuesday, July 2 and 3.—District Conference, Fort Lauderdale, Florida
Thursday, July 5—Columbia, South Carolina
Sunday, July 8, a.m.—Roanoke, Virginia (Garden City)
Sunday, July 8, p.m.—Roanoke, Virginia (Ghent)
Monday, July 9—Buena Vista, Virginia
Tuesday, July 10—Virginia Beach, Virginia
Wednesday, July 11—Waynesboro, Pennsylvania
Thursday, July 12—Hagerstown, Maryland (Gay Street)
Friday, July 13—Hagerstown, Maryland (Calvary Brethren)
Sunday, July 15, a.m.—Winchester, Virginia
Sunday, July 15, p.m.—Alexandria, Virginia
Wednesday, July 18—York, Pennsylvania
Sunday, July 22, a.m.—Hatboro, Pennsylvania (to be confirmed)
Sunday, July 22, p.m.—Allentown, Pennsylvania
Monday thru Sunday, July 23-29—Red Rock Bible Conference
Monday, July 30—Altoona, Pennsylvania (Juniata)
Tuesday, July 31—Martinsburg, Pennsylvania
Wednesday, August 1—Conemaugh, Pennsylvania
Thursday, August 2—Conemaugh, Pennsylvania (Singer Hill)
Friday, August 3—Jenners, Pennsylvania
Sunday, August 5, Johnstown, Pennsylvania (Geistown)
Sunday, August 5, p.m.—Johnstown, Pennsylvania (Riverside)
Monday, August 6—Listie, Pennsylvania
Tuesday, August 7—Aleppo, Pennsylvania
Wednesday, August 8, Washington, Pennsylvania
Thursday, August 9—K[illegible] (First)
Friday, August 10, [illegible] (North Buffalo)
Sunday, August [illegible]
Sunday, Augu[illegible] p.m.—Middlebranch, Ohio

Newspage

MEMBER EPA EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION

CLEVELAND, OHIO. A father-son banquet was held at First Brethren Church May 5. Moe Richardson was the special speaker. Clair Brickel is pastor.

COMPTON, CALIF. The First Brethren Church, Edwin E. Cashman, pastor, announces an enrollment of 241 members in Sunday school. Mrs. Isobel Bradley received recognition for perfect Sunday school attendance for the past 15 years.

CORDOBA, ARGENTINA. Rev. Lynn D. Schrock, one of our Brethren missionaries, has obtained free time for his radio ministry for a weekly broadcast on a new station here.

LEESBURG, IND. Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Fuller announce the arrival of Michael Guy Fuller, 8 lbs. 12½ oz. May 1. Mrs. Fuller is the younger daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Jake Kliever, Brethren missionaries to Africa.

RITTMAN, OHIO. A Northern Ohio Youth rally was held at First Brethren Church May 12. The National Youth Team from Winona Lake, Ind., brought a challenge in music and message.

AKRON, OHIO. Raymond Gingrich, pastor of Fairlawn Brethren Church, reports five first-time decisions, 19 rededications and one decision for church membership in a recent revival meeting with Evangelist Bob Collitt.

NORTH ENGLISH, IOWA. The Pleasant Grove Brethren Church, Robert Whited, pastor, has engaged in a Sunday-school contest with the Grace Church of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Roy Dice, pastor. A new enthusiasm has been noted in both Sunday schools.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS: Rev. and Mrs. Dale R. Henry, 1540 Poinsettia, Long Beach, Calif. Rev. and Mrs. Douglas E. Bray, 712 Meridan, South Pasadena, Calif. Rev. and Mrs. James Dixon, 5920 John Adams Dr., Washington 22, D. C., telephone 449-5704.

JACKSON, MICH. The Grace Brethren Church here was officially organized May 12 under the chairmanship of J. Ward Tressler of Lansing, Mich. Rev. Gilbert Hawkins was extended a three-year call to continue as pastor of this new work.

ELYRIA, OHIO. Bill Smith conducted evangelistic services at the Grace Brethren Church Apr. 22-29. There were six first-time decisions and four rededications. Galen Lingenfelter, pastor.

OSCEOLA, IND. The following officers of the Indiana District Fellowship of Brethren Churches were elected at district conference held here May 1 and 2: Moderator, Rollin Sandy; V. Mod., John Burke; Secy., Robert Foltz; Asst. Secy., Kenneth Koontz; Treas., Elmer Tamkin; Stat., Frank Poland; members-at-large, Mark Malles and Gene Witzky.

MIDDLEBRANCH, OHIO. Wesley Haller, pastor of First Brethren Church, reports that April 1962 was the best month in the history of the Middlebranch church, a history which extends back to 1900. All Sunday-school records were broken on Easter Sunday with 280 in attendance. A new evening record was 163, and the prayer meeting high was 96. There were 14 first-time decisions and ten rededications during April. There were 26 additions to the membership by the end of May.

WARSAW, IND. The Warsaw Community Grace Brethren Church has unanimously called Richard D. Sellers as their pastor. Brother Sellers will begin his ministry in Warsaw on June 17. At about the same time, Howard Vulgamore will assume the responsibility of teaching principal in the Warsaw Brethren Elementary School. Brother Vulgamore during this summer will lead the effort to promote the school, and especially to gain new enrollment.

WEST ALEXANDRIA, OHIO. A building program, which will include a new sanctuary, and remodeling of the present sanctuary for a Sunday school unit, was inaugurated at the Grace Brethren Community Church on May 9 at a special business meeting. Rev. Ralph Hall, of the Brethren Home Missions Architectural Department, who has personally surveyed the site and counseled with the membership will be retained to make the working drawings. The new addition will be part of an overall reorganization of what was once known as the Sampleville Brethren Mission, pioneered by Rev. Sylvester Lowman of sacred memory. Horace Mohler is pastor.

ROME—The Italian Parliament passed a bill outlawing tobacco advertising throughout the country.

Three Christian Democrat deputies introduced the bill which forbids advertising of "any form of tobacco for smoking" whether Italian or foreign. Offenders can be fined $30 to $300, and repeated lawbreakers can be fined up to $3,000.

ALBANY, N. Y.—Governor Nelson Rockefeller has received for signature a bill banning the sale of "girlie" magazines to youths under 18. Passed by the State Senate here, the measure previously had been approved by the Assembly.

The measure, which had been endorsed by the New York State Council of Churches, makes it a misdemeanor to sell publications exploiting sex to youthful readers. The bill was aimed at countering a Court of Appeals decision that only "hard core" pornography could be banned under existing law.

ENDS EARTHLY PILGRIMAGE

Notices of death appearing in this column must be sumbitted in writing by a pastor.

GENTZLER, Louis D., 82, recently went to be with the Lord. He was a member of the First Brethren Church, Portis, Kans., since 1904. He served for several years as Sunday-school superintendent.

—H. H. Stewart

HERITAGE HORIZON

By Mrs. John Mayes

Principal, Brethren Elementary School

Did you ever wish you could have gone to a Christian Elementary School? This wish has come true for these youngsters—with a more beautiful than could ever-be-hoped-for new building besides!

In the midst of overcrowded classrooms and half-day sessions, God prompted some farsighted Brethren at Fifth and Cherry to launch on a most difficult and most rewarding project—a Christian Day School.

That was back in 1946. Some rewards take time to realize.

It became necessary to move from the building at 60th and Orange recently. We discovered a well-built building, just made to order for an elementary school, about to be disposed of in the sinking harbor area. The Lord knew the need and it was secured for a very small amount. After dividing it into five sections and expertly moving it to the north end of the ten-acre Brethren Junior-Senior High School campus, it has become one of the nicest schools in the area.

Every large classroom has hand-finished birch cupboards, cabinet sinks, equipped with a drinking fountain. There are seven classrooms, an assembly room seating 200, a kitchen, office, principal's office, library, nurses' room, teacher's lounge, and ample storage space. The kindergarten room is oversized with private restroom facilities and separate play yard.

The grades are limited to a reasonable number of pupils. The kindergarten has a full-day session and provides a well-rounded readiness program in phonetics, numbers, reading, beginning conversational Spanish, speech, and Bible. This gives a good foundation for entering first grade. Instruction in Spanish is continued through the elementary grades.

The highlight of each week is chapel on Friday. Daily school hours are extended to provide Bible study time taught in the same manner as other subjects.

Because we can appeal to the boys and girls to do their best for the Lord, and because we have children whose parents have much more than average concern about their children's spiritual and academic well-being, and because of an outstanding, dedicated, Christian teaching staff, the boys and girls in Brethren Elementary School receive an outstanding education. With this foundation, we anxiously watch and wait for the Lord to further bless these young lives.

What a privilege to invoke our Christian heritage upon our children to brighten tomorrow's horizon!

Why We Have Our Children in Brethren Schools

I asked our fifth grader why she thought we had her in a Brethren day school. Her immediate reply was "Because it's a good school." We agree with her 100 percent, but what makes it a good school? I'll list three of the things which we consider the most important factors:

First, It is Christian. All subjects, as well as obedience, are taught with this in view. The teachers have a deep interest in each student to help him develop spiritually, academically, and physically.

Second, The school maintains a high academic standard. Achievement and maturity tests are given each year.

Third, Classmates and friends are

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Principal Marjorie Mayes (seated), explains testing charts to Mrs. Lee Hildreth (standing), showing high academic level of Brethren Elementary School as compared to national information.



Mrs. Bernice Whittaker, fourth grade teacher, [illegible] class.

I Believe Christ Is Coming This Year!

The subject of the second coming of Christ has always been an occasion of scorn and ridicule by the skeptic, and misunderstanding by the Biblically illiterate. Yet in the Old Testament, more than ten times as much space is given to Christ's second coming than to His first advent. And every book of the New Testament except Second and Third John contains direct teaching concerning this important truth.

It is impossible to study the doctrine of Christ's return openmindedly without developing the attitude of expectancy. Indeed, the Bible cultivates that attitude, and Christ taught His disciples to look for His coming again constantly, eagerly. And it is difficult for a Bible-believing Christian today to have any other attitude than that of hoping and praying for His soon return. This world is in a mess, and it is not within the wisdom and skill of man to solve his own problems. And man, as a whole, has left God out of his life, his plans, and his aspirations.

Yet longing for the return of Christ is not escapism, but obedient faith! We are exhorted to be "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:13), and "Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh" (James 5:8).

Abundance of Signs of His Coming

At the risk of being called a date-setter, which I'm not, I want to share with you five reasons why I believe Christ will return this year. The first of these reasons is the multiplied accumulation of signs of His coming. Our Saviour said concerning His coming again, "But of that day and hour knoweth no man"; but He also said, "When these things begin to come to pass, then look up . . . for your redemption draweth nigh" (Luke 21:28). The signs that He

mentioned which are in Matthew 24, and Luke 21, include wars, pestilences, famines, persecution of the Jews, the rise of the nation of Israel, and the world armament race. (Look at Egypt, Cuba, Congo, defying the greatest military powers and federations of powers on the face of the earth!) To these signs that Jesus gave, the Apostle Paul added others—the apostasy of the church, the rise of false doctrines, the perversion of human affections, and the pleasure-madness of the age (see especially II Thess. 2; I Tim. 4:1-3; II Tim. 3: 1-5; 4:1-4).

It is true that these signs have always existed to some degree. But it is also true that never in the history of the world before have they been multiplied and intensified as in the day we live! Peter wrote (II Pet. 3:3-4) that the very presence of scoffers who could see no signs of His coming differing from other periods of history was in itself one of the signs!

Threat of Nuclear Annihilation

Not long ago, Russia exploded a superbomb of more than fifty megatons of destruction, and boasted that she had bigger ones in the making! As I write this, the United States has resumed nuclear testing. Great Britain, France, Red China, and Israel also have "the bomb" or are in final stages of development of it. The world is living on the brink of atomic warfare. Survival has become a mania with man. Never in the history of the world has man amassed weapons of war without using them. Will we soon be involved in atomic war?

Yes; I believe so. But not before Christ comes to take His own out of the world! I firmly believe that the Bible teaches the premillennial return of Christ, and the pre-Tribulation Rapture of the church. The Book of Revelation describes the red horse of war and the holocaust of destruction that takes place during The Tribulation period. In all probability, this will be a short but costly atomic war. The destruction figures suggested in the Book of Revelation almost demand this conclusion. And the fact that Russia survives to fight against God near the end of The Tribulation, coupled with the complete lack of mention of any power that could be identified with the United States, does not look well for the future of our beloved Nation. Yet I cannot conceive God permitting the strongest source of evangelical testimony and missionary witness to perish before the church is taken out of the world.

Right now, it would take very little—possibly only an accident—to plunge us into nuclear war. The more nations that get "the bomb," the more chances of using it. But since the Bible does not describe anything comparable to atomic war before The Rapture, I can only conclude that The Rapture is very near.



By Rev. Ralph J. Colburn

Pastor, Grace Brethren Church
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The Lineup of Nations

The Bible is very clear concerning certain federations of nations that will be in existence just before Christ returns in power and glory. Four are mentioned—the king of the North (Ezek. 37-39; Dan. 11, etc.) is the Russian confederacy. The king of the South (Dan. 11:40). This seems to be a confederacy headed up by Egypt. How remarkable that we've seen the rise of Egypt and a religious-political alliance headed by her within the last five years! It's still a loose union, but it does not need to function until the end of The Tribulation period. Then there are the kings of the East, literally of the sunrising, which seem to be the oriental hordes (Rev. 16:12-16), perhaps headed by Japan, the land of the rising sun, or China, the sleeping giant of the Orient, who even now is defying the rest of the world. At the rate communism is conquering in that part of the world, it will not take much to sweep the entire Orient into its orbit. Then of course, there's the Western European federation, sometimes referred to as the revived Roman empire. There is much in Daniel and The Revelation concerning this kingdom, from which a world ruler will rise at the beginning of The Tribulation period. All other nations or federations of nations will for a time, it seems, line up with this empire. This is the federation that anti-Christ will rule, and that Christ will ultimately destroy (Dan. 2:44-45; Rev. 19). We have seen the beginning of this federation in NATO, and now, before our eyes, it is solidifying through the European Common Market. The world is hailing this economic union as the forerunner of the "United States of Europe." World War II set the stage for it, even to the dividing of Germany. Now these nations are preparing for the march to Armageddon together without knowing it! There may yet be some juggling of nations in the Common Market and its political successor, but the way is now paved for the final fulfillment of prophecy. I do not believe these Western European nations will ever go communistic—yet time is on the side of the Communists. If the Lord were to tarry even a few more years, it would take a miracle to keep some of these nations outside the iron curtain. Of course, our Lord can and does perform miracles, but it seems even more likely that the chessboard of nations is being readied for God's last "Checkmate."

"This Generation Shall Not Pass"

Matthew 24:34 contains a very striking and significant statement. After Jesus had listed a number of signs that would precede His coming again, He said: "Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfiled." What did He mean? Obviously, He meant to give special significance to these words. Equally obvious is the fact that He did not mean the literal generation to which He spoke. For they passed away, and these things were [illegible] Word of God [illegible]

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Some have suggested that the word "generation" must be understood in another sense, that of "race of men." It then refers to Israel, and means that in spite of all attempts to destroy them, or cause them to loose their national identity, they will survive as a distinct people. Perhaps this is what the Lord meant. However, this is not a new idea or truth. Dozens and scores of other prophecies confirm God's keeping power to Israel to the end.

I am rather inclined to the view that Christ meant exactly what He said—that the generation which began to see these things fulfilled would still be alive on the earth when *all* these prophecies had come to pass. The end-time events are so tied together that they will take place with amazing rapidity.

In your lifetime and mine, we have seen the beginning of all these things. I am convinced that most of us will also see the climax of them for the believer—the coming of Christ for His church! If this interpretation is correct, and it best fits the laws of exegesis and logic, then the coming of Christ cannot be far away!

The Significance of Chronology

In II Peter 3:8, Peter made a statement to which he seems to attach special significance: "But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day." Psalm 90:4 also says, "For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past." Do these Scriptures have a special significance, or are they merely expressions to illustrate God's eternal existence, patience, and plan?

Ancient Jewish scholars believed that these had a special significance. They reasoned that the Sabbath, being "a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever" (Exod. 31: 17), includes not only the seventh day, and the seventh year, but the seventh millennium. They believed that man would have six "days" of a thousand years each upon this earth, and the seventh "day" would be the Lord's, and would be their day of complete restoration and rulership upon the earth. Many Old Testament prophecies deal with this restoration period, but if you need confirmation, look at Amos 9:11-15, and Isaiah 11:10 and following.

Some of the early church fathers shared this view. And many careful Bible scholars right up to this present day believe that Peter's words have special chronological significance. I am inclined to agree.

The problem is that we do not have an exact chronology of the Bible! There are several, and they all disagree as much as twenty to one hundred years. Most of our Bibles use Ussher's chronology, which we will use now for purposes of illustration. Let us assume for the moment that man's day will last 6000 years upon the earth, and that the millennium of Revelation 20 is God's (and Israel's) Sabbath. All right, Ussher dates the creation of Adam at 4004 B.C. Now add our present year, 1962. Since the millennium begins at the end of The Tribulation period, add 7 years for it. That leaves us in year 5973 today. But wait, how long was a Biblical year? 360 days. Wherever years are measured by days in the Bible, it was always 360 days, or twelve months of thirty days each. (See Gen. 7 and 8, and Rev. 11.) Now if we compensate for this change of the length of years, in our times, and Bible times, we can do it simply by multiplying 1962 by 5¼ extra days per year, which gives us 10,300 extra days to account for, which, divided by 360, gives us approximately 28½ years we must add to our former figures. 5973 plus 28½ equals 6001½. According to these figures, Christ is already one and one-half years overdue!

Since we do not have an exact chronology of the Bible, we cannot tell the day nor the hour of Christ's return even if we are correct in assuming that there is special significance to the "thousand years as a day" theory. But it adds to the weight of evidence that His coming is very near, even at our doors.

Our Attitude

The hope of His return for us was never given as an occasion for idle waiting. He said: "Occupy till I come." We are to be busy, doing His work, in His way, and by His strength, until His return. But as we work, we are to keep one eye heavenward, as it were, expecting the sky-shout and the trump of God that will call us home.

The expectancy of His return is called in the Bible a blessed hope (Titus 2:13) because it ushers us out of a sin-cursed world and into a Son-bought heaven, where we'll be forever with Him, and with the saints of all ages, redeemed by His precious blood. It is called a purifying hope (I John 3:3) because we do not know exactly when He will return, and we will want our house in order, our lives cleansed, our work accomplished. It is called a sure hope (Heb. 6:19) because the Word of God cannot be broken, and His promise will be kept. We do not know *when* He will return, but we know *that He will come back!*

But someone is going to say: "Maybe Christ will come back this year. But what if He doesn't? What about your theories then?" If he doesn't come this year, then I'll look for Him next year. Or the next. Or the next. If He doesn't come this year, I'll be a little surprised, and disappointed, but unshaken.

I read a story once about two men who visited a beautiful estate in Europe, whose gardens were immaculate and lovely. Not a blade of grass was out of place, not a leaf was upon the ground to mar the perfection of its appearance. During their tour, and as they were admiring the grounds, they met the gardner, and one of the men commented: "Your master must enjoy this beautiful garden—it is so well kept." "My master has never seen this garden," the caretaker replied. "What! Never seen it?" exclaimed the visitor. "No, my master lives in another land, far away, and has never visited this estate which he inherited," he replied. "Perhaps he will visit it some day," he added softly. "But you have kept it so beautifully," said the visitor, "as if you expected him to come tomorrow!" "Today, sir, today!" replied the gardner.

The attitude of expectancy is Scriptural, sensible, and satisfying. I'm glad I *know* He is coming again. It can't be too soon for me. "Even so, come, Lord Jesus!"

(Editor's note: These two poems were written by Mrs. Shaver of our Grace Brethren Church, Yakima, Wash. The first poem was written when her boys came from school stating that the teachers were teaching evolution, and they were inclined to believe it. When the boys read the poem they decided to take it to school and give it to the teachers. This caused quite a commotion at school; therefore Mrs. Shaver wrote the second poem for the teachers.)

The Psychology of the Darwin Theory or Educated Confusion

By Jane M. Shaver

We teach our kids at home to obey God's laws.
 Subtly at school they're taught "Not so" because
They're only descendants of monkeys, you see.
 Animals live by instinct—from rules they're free.

"Think, my son, think—use your brain,
 You're made in God's image," we train and we train.
At school they're taught they're a civilized ape
 And confusion—not education—begins to take shape.

"Why shouldn't I take what I want by force?
 I'm only a civilized ape of course.
My ancestors hung by their tails from a tree;
 Why shouldn't I from rules and regulations be free?"

"I'm just an animal—I have no soul;
 Some day I'll die and be placed in a hole."
No wonder with illegitimate love they're so free,
 They're taught they're the son of a monkey, you see.

Machines used in schools to teach reading with speed
 Show stories of evolution—thus planting a seed:
"If I'm only descended from a monkey indeed,
 Who ever heard of a monkey that could read."

We teach our children God made man and woman.
 They teach that monkeys evolved and became human.
Who says in his heart "There's no God" is a fool (Ps. 53:1).
 Why allow one like this to teach in our school?

This "daughter of an ape" has a question to ask
 These teachers (?) who in fullness of wisdom do bask.
From what did that first tiny speck evolve?
 I'm sure your great wisdom this problem can solve.

An Apology and Explanation

By Jane M. Shaver

Please forgive me, teachers, if my poem was unkind;
 But the souls of my children you're seeking to bind
With doctrines God's Word says are untrue.
 That's why my "sword" was unsheathed for you.

"The heavens declare the glory of God"
 History records Jesus Calvary's pathway has trod.
Even our dates point to Him, you see—
 On our letters we write 1962 A.D.

You see, I've found God's peace and rest,
 Made the sinner's prayer—put God to the test
I know that God is—He lives in my heart.
 This "peace of God" to my boys I'd like to impart.

Watch our boys grow—you'll see beauty unfold
 If only by Christ they'll let their lives be controlled.
This is what I want for my precious boys—
 To know Christ personally, to have heaven's joys.

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A time when hungry hearts allow themselves to be fed.

A time when the unfocused Gospel becomes focused.

A time when spiritual question marks become exclamation points.

A time when sin is exposed instead of excused.

A time when spiritual current from above, like electricity, sweeps from *parson* to person.

A time when heart conviction brings sin eviction.

A time when Christians deal directly with those "little sins."

A time when one turns from spiritual generalities to spiritual specifics.

A time to humiliate pride and mortify prejudice.

A time to seek what we want others to seek.

A time to believe that "honesty is the best policy" with God.

A time when half-empty "cups" begin to overflow.

—John R. Terrell

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for the most part Christian and come from homes where the parents are interested in their children.

We are thankful our church recognizes the need of a day school and that we have the privilege of sending our children.

—Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Kodear

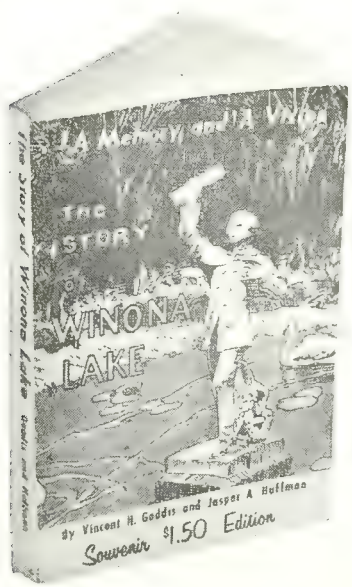
Satisfaction in Christian Education

It is gratifying to be able to send our children where we can have confidence they are being taught with clarity of purpose and instruction that coincides with what they are told at home.

Education is becoming more important every day, and our children must have the best possible training with a Christian outlook for all they learn. I am pleased with the scholastic standing at Brethren Elementary School evidenced by the State tests as proof that the curriculum is thorough and well-advanced. It is well-organized and well-disciplined such as will promote good living habits.

As Parent-Teacher Fellowship president, I find there is a remarkable "family" feeling prevalent among the P.T.F. board members and even the whole school, although many churches and several denominations are represented. The harmony that exists between the parents and the school makes it enjoyable to work with both of them.

—Mrs. Ross M. Bryce
President, Parent-Teacher Fellowship



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"GO"--

Get My Gospel Out!

Be it fair weather or foul, the Great Commission stands unchanged: "GO—Get My Gospel Out (Matt. 28:19)!

To a land fully evangelized (we know of none) or to a land with scarcely a word of gospel testimony (we know of many), the message is the same: "GO"—Get My Gospel Out!

Whether to the soul resident in the body of a black man or white, in a yellow man or bronze, there is no respect of persons with God, and the Word stands: "GO"—Get My Gospel Out!

To those who are rich in this world's goods, who live on the Fifth Avenues of the world, or to those for whom a crust of bread and a hovel for a home are luxuries, there is the unchanging Word: "GO"—Get My Gospel Out!

To the newly-born child of God, living in the thrill of a new experience with Jesus Christ, or to the seasoned saint rejoicing in a lifelong intimate walk with Jesus Christ there rings out the call: "GO"—Get My Gospel Out!

In the seasons of prosperity when money flows freely for you, or in the years of adversity when sorrows are showered upon you, when sickness and death may invade your family circle, God still orders: "GO"—Get My Gospel Out!

Whether your plans are successful and there is victory in your every endeavor, or whether disappointment and failure stalk your way, God still whispers His message to you: "GO"—Get My Gospel Out!

Whether your congregation backs you and will support you as you go, or whether it feels you should work at home and not throw your life away for those "worthless heathen," the orders remain: "GO"—Get My Gospel Out!

Whether your classmates encourage you, or whether they laugh and jeer, your Lord's voice is clear: "GO"—Get My Gospel Out!

Whether the government in the mission field is favorable and helpful, or whether it is hateful and antagonistic—to enable the poor people living in those lands to hear—God continues to say: "GO"—Get My Gospel Out!

Whether plans on the mission field change overnight, and the parts of the work in great favor today may be abandoned tomorrow, God's work and Word stand above the incidental fortunes of any part of the field, and God still says: "GO"—Get My Gospel Out!

Whether there are many missionary candidates or few who take seriously God's Great Commission, there remains the unchanging directive to every yielded heart: "GO"—Get My Gospel Out!

Whether God's people lay aside in a bountiful way through their tithes and offerings, or whether they are selfish and stingy, the marching orders remain: "GO"—Get My Gospel Out!

It is a normal thing for God's young people to offer themselves, prepare, and go to the fields of the world, and it is also the normal thing for God's people who remain at home to support them as they go. But in the world there is so much that is abnormal or subnormal, and some of that abnormalcy creeps into the church. Young people may fail, or the church at home may fail; yet God's command stands: "GO"—Get My Gospel Out!

It's the Captain of our salvation speaking, and nothing else really matters. Our part is not to question the orders of the Captain, but to obey them. Obedience, not results, is our main concern. The Great Commission still stands: "GO"—Get My Gospel Out! (Matt. 28:19).



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Foreign Missions Issue

A Brazilian mother and daughter. (Photo by Bill Burk)



Left, street scene, Santa Rosa; center, photography shop on main street; right, Alberto Sotola

Victory in Santa Rosa

By Rev. Lynn D. Schrock

Recently Lois, my wife, and I attended the first Lord's Supper ever held in Santa Rosa de Calamuchita. There were ten of us who participated—three for the first time. Three others attended without participating.

During the eating of the supper, I gave opportunity to the folks to give a word of testimony. One lady said that she has been converted for thirty years, but had never participated before in the way it was observed last night. But the Lord fulfilled His promise to bless those who do these things.

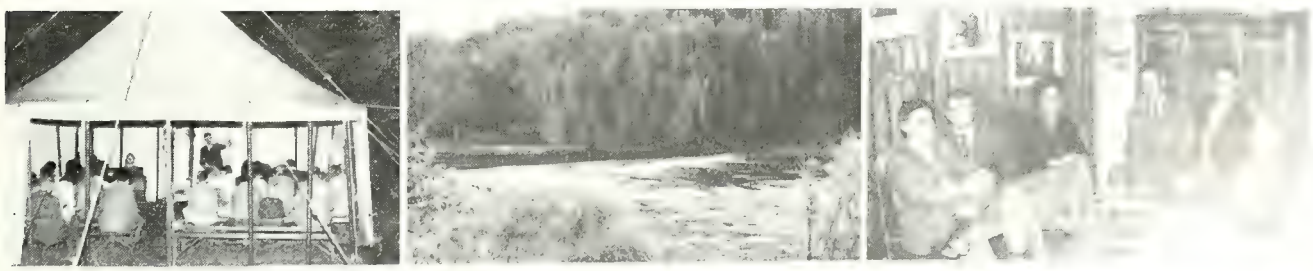
Santa Rosa is a town located in the center of a tourist area here in Cordoba Province. Folks go to Santa Rosa from many places to spend their vacation periods. The town has a beautiful river, mountains all around, and is located on a good road that makes it accessible in any weather.

We were attracted to Santa Rosa because one of our families lived there. In reality they were not Brethren, but their boy had been in our camps and the parents had attended our meetings in Almafuerte. When they opened a photography shop on the main street of Santa Rosa and then invited us to have meetings in their home, we felt it was an open door to enter with the Gospel.

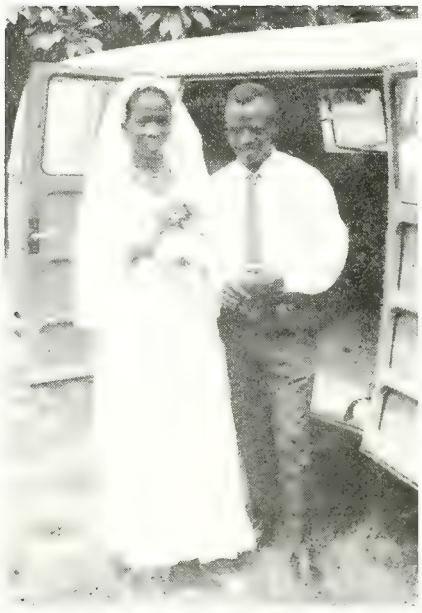
Our Argentine pastor, Horacio Bettinalio, had an opportunity to hold a couple of meetings in Santa Rosa while on his honeymoon trip about three years ago. Not long after that a young man graduated from our Bible Institute and was named by the other workers to go to Santa Rosa to open a new work. And I was named the "pastor responsible," since Alberto Sotola (for that is his name) was young and rather inexperienced in the pastorate.

I was very glad to accept this responsibility for two reasons. We have known Alberto since he was a boy of nine or ten in our Sunday school in General Cabrera, back in 1947. Further, we were thrilled with the possibility of having a new work in Santa Rosa with its opportunities to evangelize not only the folks who live there, but also the many hundreds who go there during the summer months to spend their vacations.

There is now a small group of believers there who meet regularly for prayer, Christian fellowship, and Bible study. They are desirous to serve the Lord and reach many souls for Christ. Let's remember our Brethren in Santa Rosa as we come before His throne of grace.



Left, tent meeting, Santa Rosa; center, river scene; right, young people from Brethren Bible Institute who [illegible] campaign (Elena Wagner on the right).



The bride and groom

The Wedding of Louise and Luke

By Mrs. Roy Snyder

The first European-style wedding at Bouca took place a few months ago. Louise Kofio became the bride of Luke Fioyoumaina. The ceremony climaxed the Sunday morning worship service. There were over a thousand people present.

If you were familiar with the usual type of wedding here in Africa, you would realize the uniqueness of this one. First of all, we're sorry to say that there are not very many church weddings. We try to encourage them as much as we can, but with not too much success. The reasons are varied. There must be a civil wedding first and there is a lot of red tape in getting the necessary papers; this discourages many. Some young people have already lived in sin before the marriage; other say a church wedding is too binding; some are too frightened to stand up before a crowd of people, and others are just satisfied with the old village way of taking a wife. The Word says: "Old things are passed away; behold all things are become new." As far as salvation is concerned, yes—but for African tradition it takes a long time for change to take place.

When there is a church wedding, the usual thing is for the pastor to call the man and woman up front during a Sunday morning service. It takes time! The man arises from the men's side of the church and slowly makes his way up front. Then we wait. The girl finally arises and yet more slowly comes to the front. She stands with head bowed. She's self-conscious in a new dress and headscarf. More recently they each have a friend to stand with them and that helps some. The service is brief. They voice their assent softly. It's soon over and the groom returns to his seat first. Then after a respectful wait, the bride returns to her place. Very simple; yet it's a testimony and we're happy for this much.

But Louise and Luke's wedding was different. Louise was born and raised at the Mission station. Her father has worked for the missionaries, helping with household duties for twenty-four years. How we thank the Lord for his faithfulness.

Louise has always had a good testimony and is a fine Christian girl. We prayed much for the right husband for her. Two times money was paid for her, but two times the fellows didn't measure up to her father's Christian standards and so he refused. We were most happy to meet Luke and to know that he loves the Lord and is serving Him as a teacher in our French school at Yaloke.

Louise came one day and asked if I would make her a wedding dress. "What kind?" I asked. "A white one, real long," she said. "Where did you ever see a wedding dress like that?" I asked. "Oh, I saw pictures in the magazines (*Ladies Home Journal*)," she said. For almost fifteen years I've been saving my wedding dress



Louise's mother and father, Nzana and Boymbi

hoping that one day an African girl would wear it. You can imagine my joy when I told her about it and she wanted to wear it! Marie Mishler and I made a few alterations and it fit fine. Louise is tall, too!

Luke was very much in favor of the new wedding. While Marie played her little folding organ and Roy took his place in the front of the church, Luke and his best man walked up the center aisle. It's a long walk. The church is ninety-two feet long! Luke carried his French Testament with him. Next the bridesmaid walked up alone. Then came Louise with her father. He looked so proud. Everyone strained eyes to see and ears to hear. Those sitting on the outside of the church stood to look in. When asked who gave the woman in marriage, her father replied loudly, "I, her father!" The ceremony was short but impressive. Everyone was very quiet except Louise's two-year-old sister, who had to be taken outside. After being pronounced husband and wife, the couple turned and came down the aisle *together* to the strains of music from the little folding organ. We took pictures outside while the crowds gathered. Many of the women said to me: "Oh, thank you, Madame, it was lovely and our hearts are full of joy." I told them that the gown was available for any Christian girl who wanted a church wedding.

The bride and groom asked Roy to take them across town, about a mile, where they had a celebration with friends. Included in the celebration was lemonade because they sent for lemons from the many here at the Mission station.

Louise and Luke are living at our station at Yaloke. Luke is serving the Lord as a teacher, and Louise is working with Sisterhood girls. We are glad for their Christian testimony and pray the Lord's blessing on them and their home.

This article would not be complete without a tribute to Louise's mother and father. They brought her up in the way of the Lord. They guided her footsteps aright. A few years ago Louise and her mother stood alone and bore much rebuke when they refused excision rites for her. Surely the Word is true: "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

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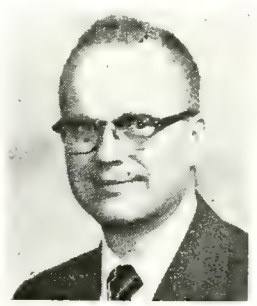
Are There Opportunities for Missionaries in Africa?

You are a pastor? Try to visualize being responsible for a parish which extends from Winona Lake, Indiana, west to Chicago and south to Kokomo. To cover this area the best roads are on a par with those that Brother Sewell Landrum and Miss Evelyn Fuqua travel after they leave the highways in Kentucky. This, roughly, is the size of our Bossangoa district; and now with the Sheldons on furlough, there is no resident missionary there to counsel, teach, and lead the national pastors and Christians in their Christian walk.

Now, let's see, as a pastor you are a graduate of Grace Theological Seminary or a comparable school with twelve years of elementary and high school, two years or more of college, and three of seminary. These African pastors have, at best, four years of elementary Bible school and three years of Bible institute, an equivalent of a tenth grade education. This should furnish evidence that they still need our help—not only need it, but are asking for it and in some cases demanding it. They do not yet even have the whole Bible to study from because very few of them know French well enough to read adult literature intelligently. There are no commentaries, concordances, Bible dictionaries, or other Bible helps in the Sango language.

Multiply the above situation by twelve because our field is divided into twelve districts; then try to decide how to divide nine missionary pastors into these twelve districts and have two of them in full-time teaching at the Bible institute and one who is field superintendent and must spend a large part of his time in Bangui. It means that all the others must spread themselves so thin that they can only accomplish about half what they should. For example, this time of the year is conference time, when the Africans gather for conferences in areas covering up to fifty to seventy-five miles. This year for the first time these conferences have been arranged and run entirely by the Africans because there are too many of them to be supervised by the missionaries. Missionaries are trying to spend one or two days at each, going from one to another. This is just the pastoral side of the picture.

Before coming to Africa, I was in a highly specialized trade, and because I had gained experience in more than one branch of that trade, I was considered not as skilled as others. It was a "jack-of-all-trades, master-of-none" theory. That is what is happening to our missionary pastors. They have to do a little of everything and are unable to devote their time to the work to which they are called.



By Don Spangler

Consider one missionary who spends a hard week in the field doing the work he is trained to do, comes home tired, and then has to jump into a highly complex accounting job because he has been appointed field treasurer. There are letters requiring payment of accounts, missionaries needing money to run their stations, and so forth, all this to be acted upon and accurate accounts kept of everything. The job has now been divided into four different subtreasuries because it is more than one man can handle and do his other work, too. Here is a full-time job for some accountant who would say to the Lord: "Here am I, send me."

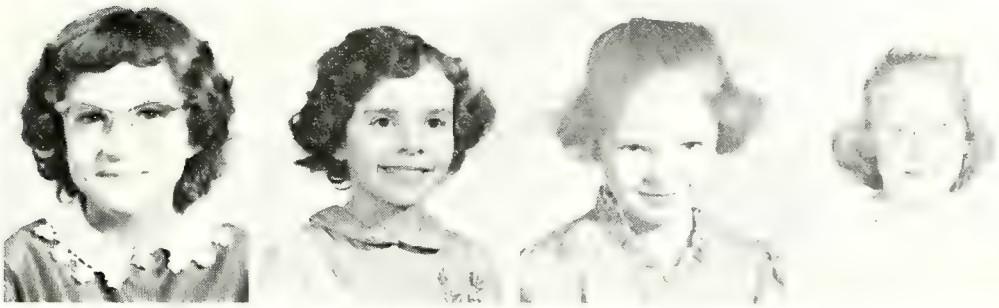
Then, there is literature. In spite of all the talk and the little we are doing, we have hardly scratched the surface. We need personnel to either write or translate into Sango a concordance, Bible dictionary, commentary, and other study helps. We need to teach Africans to write and edit, to set up bookstores and run them. Just the other week Rosella Cochran went to Bossangoa with the Don Millers on one leg of her vacation. While Brother Miller was counseling with the pastor there, Rosella went to the market place and sold over $75 worth of literature in an hour. Here is a need for two or three persons with journalistic training.

There is radio. This field has not yet been touched because we have neither the manpower nor the funds to start this work. Africa is advancing and cannot be stopped! If we will catch the vision and advance with it, I am sure the Lord will bless. If we do not, we will be left by the side of the road to wither and die. We cannot wait! In the last five years the Roman Catholics have more than doubled their staff of missionaries here, the Seventh Day Adventists have come in, and the Jehovah's Witnesses are knocking at the door. Mohammedanism is driving down from the north and communism is trying hard to enter.

Are the opportunities vanishing for missionaries in Africa? Judge for yourself. I say the need for Africa is missionaries, then *missionaries,* then MISSIONARIES.

THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

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MISSIONARY HELPERS—Left to right: Sandy Uhrig, Brookville, Ohio (Trotwood Grace Brethren); Kathy Huntsman, Martinsburg, Pa. (First Brethren); Rebecca Dorsey, Hagerstown, Maryland, and Deborah Kinnison, Hagerstown, Maryland (both, Grace Brethren).



The missionary children in Africa have strange things to use in play. Here they are standing on the trunk of a big tree. It was blown over during the bad storm recently. The dormitory roof was also blown off by the strong wind. The children all survived the storm and seem hale and hearty, don't they? They are, from left to right: Tommy Hocking, held by Mrs. Spangler, Kim Cone, Bruce and Susan Robbins, Danny Hocking, Paul Goodman, Camille Cone, Suzan Goodman, David and Jimmy Hocking, Danny Beaver, and Barbara Miller. Jim Beaver is up in the tree.

KNOWING YOUR MISSIONARIES



Miss Ruth Kent is the teacher of the Missionary Children's School in Africa. She spent several years teaching in public schools in Indiana before she went to the field in 1946. So, she was well trained and prepared. The school is located at the Bible Institute station. Miss Kent is an excellent teacher and the children enjoy her very much.

MARY MISSIONARY—

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By Rev. Robert J. Cover

Points for your consideration

WHEN YOU PRAY FOR MISSIONS

The work of the missionary is to establish the church of Jesus Christ; that is, he is to preach and teach the truths of the Gospel so that the church can maintain and extend itself under the guidance of the Holy Spirit without the help of the missionary. This involves the obeying of the entire command of Christ in Matthew 28 when He says: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, *baptizing* them . . . *teaching them to observe all things* whatsoever I have commanded you." Thus the missionary finds his hands full. To go in among people who do not have a culture based on the Gospel and lead them into a self-sustaining group of believers demands all the wisdom, patience, love, and vision which one can muster under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Prayer, interest, and financial support by God's people are absolutely essential.

The method of accomplishing the above may take varied approaches. Some men are gifted along specific lines while others may find their work to be more general. However, since each missionary is, or should be, a specialist, usually he is called upon to develop that work which he knows and that which will establish the church on its own feet. Thus we find that evangelization, literature, radio, printing, Bible conferences, pastorates, building, administration, counseling, supervising, and so forth, all dovetail together to round out the ministry of the missionary effort. Above all this, no missionary can forget that his primary job is to talk to people and tell them the news of salvation. If he cannot do this, generally speaking, he does not belong on the mission field.

For the most part, the main job of the missionary is to make the message of the Gospel so simple that the person reached can grasp the meaning of salvation and receive Christ into his heart as personal Saviour. This involves mastering the language, yielding to the complete truths of the Gospel, and loving the people with God's love so that the people can feel the urgency of accepting the Saviour. It is the personal contact that has the lasting effects. The message of the Gospel has its universal appeal and lasting power only when the message is given in the grandeur of its simplicity. People will often follow ideals or leaders though they do not understand them; but to helpfully contribute to them they must have a working, practical knowledge of what it is all about. This demands simplicity.

One of the pitfalls ever present in the work of the missionary is that of getting so entangled in his own little sphere of activity that he forgets the unsaved in neighboring villages. There are always the daily demands of living (eating, dressing, washing, fixing, buying, cleaning, traveling, sleeping, and such). There is the education of his children to be considered. The missionary cannot forget his responsibility to God's people at home in informing them of blessings, discouragements, and challenges. There are constantly the problems of maintaining the "perfect Christian home" as an example to the new believers, which may well be his greatest responsibility. All these are more than enough to take up his precious time. But there must be some goal in mind for the missionary in reaching the still unreached. Without this vision to give direction and purpose, the missionary's effectiveness comes to a halt and his ministry becomes stagnant. Once again, it should be said that the missionary desperately needs the prayers of God's faithful prayer warriors.

Christ has promised that the church will not fail and that the "gates of hell shall not prevail against it." It is with this promise ringing in his ears, his heart filled with the love of Christ and burdened for the lost, and with all the training that he can get under the direction of the Holy Spirit that the missionary leaves his homeland to reach the people for whom Christ died. Will you PRAY!

To Our Missionaries

BY REV. U. L. GINGRICH

Romans 10:15

How beautiful thy consecrated, willing feet
That plod through deserts hot, or in the dusty street
As though they wearied not, nor even count the cost
Of bringing news of God's salvation to the lost!
So beautiful are they, though deeply scarred and worn;
Yet all the hardships they have met can but adorn
These instruments of His that have so often sped
To bring to hungry hearts the Father's Living Bread.

Isaiah 6:5-8

Thy lips now purged and cleansed from sin and selfish pride
By burning coals of fire—newly sanctified,
Are fitted to proclaim the message of the King,
And light and life and love to hopeless mortals bring.
Cleansed lips indeed! For now thy startled eyes have gazed
Upon the Holy One who is by angels praised;
And thou hast heard His call. "Whom shall I send?" said He.
There could be but one answer: "Here am I, send me."

Acts 9:41

How oft thy precious hands, so tender, strong and kind,
Are moved to serve by loving heart and ready mind!
So very like the hands of Him who died for all,
They seek to guide the weak and lift the ones who fall.
The pleasant, easy tasks they are not prone to pick,
But find their joy in helping needy, poor and sick.
Still in thy heart there's only one rewarding goal,
It is that Christ the Lord might save a precious soul.

Psalm 126:6

Thine eyes are fountains, bursting forth in copious tears
Of pity for the heathen. Yet, through all the years
The blessed Gospel has been cast abroad as seed;
The living Christ proclaimed to all by word and deed.
But do not weep the tears of sorrow or despair,
Nor faint because there's less of wheat and more of tare.
The sower sows the precious seed and still believes
That he shall come with joy and bring with him his sheaves.

DATELINE



MEMBER EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION

FLORA, IND. The Grace Brethren Church has called Lee Dice, Grace Seminary graduate, May 31, 1962, to be their pastor. He will assume his new duties in July. Rev. Rolland Hein will conclude his ministry here on June 3. He has completed his work at Purdue University on his master's degree and will work on his doctorate degree for a Ph.D. in literature at the University of Minnesota. While pursuing his work at the university he will teach literature at Bethel College in St. Paul.

AKRON, OHIO. Dr. Raymond Gingrich, pastor of the Fairlawn Brethren Church, submitted his resignation as pastor May 16, which will become effective Aug. 19.

CHICO, CALIF. Arthur Pekarek, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, reports that he baptized 16 people in Chico Creek May 13. Five complete families were baptized.

INGLEWOOD, CALIF. A family sports night was featured by the youth council of First Brethren Church at Sportsman's Park May 26. The big event of the evening was a basketball game between the adults and the young people. Richard DeArmey is pastor.

LA VERNE, CALIF. Harry Sturz, formerly a Brethren pastor and now professor of Greek at Talbot Theological Seminary, was guest speaker at the First Brethren Church May 20. Elias D. White, pastor.

NOTICE: The Missionary Herald would appreciate having your Vacation Bible School returns as soon as possible. If you are having a June school, please mail leftover items as soon as you know you will not need them. Thank you for your cooperation.

ALTOONA, PA. An overnight East district youth rally was held at First Brethren Church. Over 150 young people were in attendance. The quiz team representing the First Brethren Church of Martinsburg, Pa., won the district championship play-offs.

WAYNESBORO, PA. The First Brethren Church, Robert Crees, pastor, celebrated the third anniversary of the Sunday-school annex May 6. A sacred musical service was presented in the evening service featuring the Montgomery Male Quartet. A goal of $2,000 was set for current expenses and building fund.

LONG BEACH, CALIF. The district conference of the Brethren Churches of Southern California and Arizona was held at the North Long Beach Brethren Church May 8-12. The special speaker was Dr. Nicholas Kurtaneck of Biola. Rev. Bob Hill was moderator. George Peek was host pastor.

MONTCLAIR, CALIF. The Grace Brethren Church, Harold Painter, pastor, announces the purchase of a new Hammond organ with blue chip stamps which have been collected for over a year. The church appreciates the many gifts of trading stamps given by many friends. Rev. and Mrs. Painter also announce the arrival of a granddaughter, Ruth Marie Bergthold, born May 10.

GOSHEN, IND.

Grace Brethren Church sponsored a mass meeting in the local high school auditorium Sunday afternoon, Apr. 15. Our Elkhart County Evangelical Ministers' Association supported the project. We had the team of three men, leaders in the great reformation now sweeping India in rejection of the efforts of the World Council of Churches to introduce the Roman mass, the doctrine of trans-substantiation, and other sacerdotalism in the evangelical churches of the State of Kerala in South India. These leaders opposed it and also the trend to co-existence with communism, and as a result they were cast out of the prevailing church organization.

Some young married people have been added to the Lord here lately. A young husband came to Christ Easter Sunday night. Our Sunday school had 107 on Palm Sunday, and 120 on Easter day. The Easter egg hunt on the church grounds after the morning service is always a thriller for the children, young and old.

—R. Paul Miller, pastor

Wedding Bells

Announcements in this column are published when sent in by a pastor.

Linda Gaver and Philip Conover, Apr. 14, Grace Brethren Church, Trotwood, Ohio.

In Memoriam

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor

HUNTER, Mrs. Mary Belle, 86, passed away Apr. 29. Mrs. Hunter was a member of the First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif. since 1939.

—Charles Mayes, pastor

THATCHER, Mrs. Agnes, 53, went to be with the Lord Apr. 7 after a brief illness. She was a member of the Grace Brethren Church, Trotwood, Ohio.

—Larry Gegner, pastor

HAUGH, Mr. Walter Harvey and wife Olive Edna (Saylor) both charter members of the Fremont Avenue Brethren Church of South Pasadena, Calif., departed to be with the Lord exactly one month apart. Mrs. Haugh was ushered into glory on Feb. 5, 1962, and Mr. Walter Haugh joined her on Mar. 5, 1962.

—Douglas E. Bray, pastor

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 30 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Church	*Date*	*Pastor*	*Speaker*
Buena Vista, Va.	May 27-June 3	Edward Lewis	Bill Smith
Akron, Ohio	June 10-17	Russell Ogden	Bob Collitt
Peru, Ind.	June 10-17	John Evans	Scott Weaver

Conference Accommodations

AT WINONA LAKE, INDIANA

National Fellowship of Brethren Churches—August 13-19, 1962

Make Your Reservation Early

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ALEXANDERS—Rooms in private home two blocks from the Tabernacle. Comfortable beds, hot (soft) water. Kitchen privileges for breakfasts if desired. Mrs. John Alexander, 205 6th Street, Winona Lake, Indiana. (Write: P.O. Box 186.) Phone: 267-6437.

BONNE VISTA—Best of location, second house south of Eskimo Inn. Four comfortable sleeping rooms, innerspring mattresses, complete bath, heat for cool weather, use of living room and porch. Has adjoining two-room furnished cottage, private. Ruth Peebles, 804 Park Avenue, Winona Lake, Indiana. Phone: 267-7204.

BROOKSIDE—One large room with double bed and single bed on first floor, private bath. On second floor, one large room with twin beds; one large room with double bed and single bed, and one large room with double bed, all well ventilated and all beds have innerspring mattresses. Miss Cora Deardurff, Park Avenue, Winona Lake, Indiana. Phone: 267-5623.

CONKLING—1013 Court Street. Half of duplex, will accommodate 4 people, with cooking facilities. Mrs. Fred R. Conkling, 722 North Mill St., North Manchester, Indiana.

CREEKSIDE—Four double bedrooms, innerspring mattresses and bath upstairs, comfortable rooms with cross ventilation. Miss Marjorie Robinson, 115 Columbia Drive, Winona Lake, Indiana. Phone: 267-8355.

DAWN COTTAGE—200 Administration Boulevard. 4 rooms and bath. 2 bedrooms with 3 double beds and a cot. Everything completely furnished but linens. A large screened-in porch. $50 per week for 4 or less people. $5 for each additional person. Florence Cripe, Dawn Cottage, Winona Lake, Indiana.

DAWSON'S APARTMENTS AND ROOMS—One block from Tabernacle and Auditorium. Clean rooms and apartments; some large and some small apartments, reasonable prices. Also cottage for 4 people. Mrs. Belle Dawson, 806 Chestnut, Winona Lake, Indiana. Phone: 267-7269.

DEW-DROP-IN—Located 1½ blocks from Tabernacle. All rooms on first floor, nice porch, close to beach. Comfortable beds, gas heat. Two-room apartment $20; twin bedroom with kitchenette $15 per week. Three-room apartment for 4, $30. Kitchenettes complete with cook stoves and refrigerators. Bring linens and blankets if possible. Wilma Amos, 1001 Heath St., Lafayette, Indiana. Phone: HA 7-5371.

DORIC APARTMENTS—Single room for lady, $1.25 per night, $7 weekly. Double room with twin beds, $3 per night, $18 weekly. One-half block from Tabernacle. Mamie C. Matson, Box 636, Winona Lake, Indiana. Phone: 267-3503

DRUDGE—One large room with two double beds, innerspring mattresses, on second floor, plenty of ventilation, room for cot and youth bed. Two rooms on first floor with one double bed each, innerspring mattresses. Large front porch, kitchen privileges with all rooms. Two blocks from Tabernacle, three blocks from beach. Reasonable. Mrs. Mary Drudge, 903 East Canal, Winona Lake, Indiana.

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PRAY that the June 30 special color edition of the *Missionary Herald* will be a great blessing to Brethren families around the world.

PRAY for God's continued blessing upon the distribution of free literature, that through this printed ministry many more souls might come to Jesus Christ.

BRETHREN LAYMEN

PRAY for opportunities of witnessing in missions, jails, and so forth, for our local laymen's organizations.

PRAY for a revival of interest among many of our men in laymen's work.

PRAY for the projects of the National Organizations.

PRAY for our many district organizations and their work.

PRAY for the fulfillment of the Student Scholarship Fund.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRAY for vacation Bible Schools now in session.

PRAY that the emphasis "Double in a Decade" may become a reality in our Sunday schools.

PRAY that our teachers may share a heart burden for the spiritual life of every pupil.

PRAY for the finalizing of plans for our coming convention.

PRAY for continued financial support to meet every need of the National Sunday School Board.

EVANGELISM

PRAISE God that He has answered prayer by bringing about 300 decisions in the Bob Collitt meetings since the season began last fall.

PRAY that this number shall be greatly increased before the summer comes.

PRAY for God to raise up student teams of evangelists for this summer.

PRAY for God to call out full-time evangelists from among our ministry. Men who really have the gift of evangelism. Men who have the burning heart to reach lost men while we still have time.

HOME MISSIONS

PRAY for the undecided high-school seniors, that a number may be directed to Grace College and Seminary for preparation to meet the challenge of Brethren Home Missions in America.

PRAISE God for three consecutive months in which new home-mission churches have been dedicated—Hagerstown, Maryland; Davenport, Iowa; and Rialto, California.

PRAY for Frieda and her daughter mentioned in May 1962 Israel Calls, that the Lord might use the occasion to bring them to a knowledge of Christ as Messiah.

PRAY for the physical need of our missionaries to the Spanish-American work.

PRAY for the second Florida church to get under way at Pompano Beach after the ground breaking planned for July 4 weekend.

PRAY for the need of loyalty to Christ and the home-mission churches during the "vacation months."

WMC

PRAY for Mrs. Gersen Laubender, the newly elected president for Northern Ohio, and all the other newly elected officers in *all* district and local councils.

PRAY that all WMC ladies will learn how to resist buying unnecessary "things," in order to be able to give to the truly necessary needs of God's world.

PRAY that all Christians may have the courage to face "stark realities" of life, and then realize that in Christ we *do* have the power to overcome the wrong and *do* what is right.

SMM

PRAY for many SMM girls graduating from high-school that they will consider Christ in their plans.

PRAY for the many "little Sisters" groups that have been recently organized.

YOUTH COUNCIL

PRAY for our college and university graduates who are now facing decisions concerning the will of the Lord for their lives.

PRAY for the work of Christian Service Brigade. God has been richly using this work in the leading of many boys to Christ, and training them in His Word.

PRAY for our Brethren Youth conference in Winona Lake this August. Pray that God may speak to many hearts among our teen-agers.

PRAY for the work of the many camps across our brotherhood that they will be making an effort to reach young people for Christ.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

PRAY for the special meetings, and use of the "Chalet" or portable tabernacle, to be held in Lyon, France, during the month of June.

PRAY that the Lord will protect the missionaries as they travel on the field, to and from the field, and here in the States on deputation work.

PRAY for the missionaries in Puerto Rico as they continue in their language study that they will become fluent in speaking Spanish.

PRAY for the salvation of adults in Hawaii, especially for the parents of many of the Sunday-school children.

PRAY that permission will be granted to enable the missionaries to open up bookstores ... several of the stations in Africa when the money is available.

WHY *Do the Righteous* SUFFER?

BY REV. JOHN M. AEBY

Pastor, Grace Brethren Church
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This is not only the cry of the besieged child of God who does not understand the fiery trials through which he is passing, but also it is often the thrust of the worldling who echoes Satan's blasphemous charge that God is not good to His children. These are days of sore trials for the Lord's people in many places, and He alone knows how soon we here in America shall be called on to suffer afflictions and indignities for our faith. It is good for us to be armed with the truth before the hour of general suffering comes. But it is likewise necessary for us to know God's message of comfort if we are to "comfort them which are in any trouble" even now. Let us not be partakers with those of that perennially prevalent attitude whom Peter rebukes when he says: "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you" (I Pet. 4:12). In other words, Peter would tell us when we ask the question, "Why do the righteous suffer?" that we are not acting in accord with God's revealed Word because we learn—

That the godly are promised suffering according to II Timothy 3: 12: "Yea, and all that live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." Is it any wonder that Peter told those under trial to not regard their lot as strange? They should have expected suffering and so should everyone of us. Instead of asking "Why?" when we suffer, we really ought to be concerned when we are not tried.

However, lest we consider suffering for Christ as a necessary evil Paul says: "Unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake" (Phil. 1:29). The word "given" is derived from the same word as the word "grace." The lesson for us is that the same grace of God which brings salvation also brings us the privilege of suffering. Can we thank God for the latter as we do the former? We should! We know that Paul did, for he learned from experience, as well as revelation, that God has a purpose in permitting the righteous to suffer.

Permitting the Righteous To Suffer

In the same breath that he rejoiced "in the hope of the glory of God," he exclaimed "And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience" (Rom. 5:2-3). A liberal paraphrase of his words would be something like this: "Fellow believer, many times when you ask God for patience, you are actually asking the Lord to make all the rough places plain, the stony places smooth. Circumstances may vex you and folks with whom you deal may not have the sweetest disposition, but when God hears your prayer, He gives grace to rejoice in the trial. Let the trials come so that by His grace you may face them with a serenity of spirit that is unlike you, but like Him." When we pray for patience, we are really praying for trouble, for "tribulation worketh patience."

Paul is not the only one through whom the Holy Spirit gives the message, but James also encourages those to whom he writes with the words, "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience" (James 1: 2-3). In writing to those scattered by bitter persecution, Peter comforts them with the same truth: "Ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations; that the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ."

The writer of the familiar hymn, "How Firm a Foundation," beautifully sets forth God's purpose in per-

The Civil Air Patrol Chaplaincy

BY CLYDE K. LANDRUM

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Civil Air Patrol is an auxiliary of the United States Air Force. It performs a national service in search and rescue work and provides a training program for cadets who are young people of high school age. This training program has as its primary purpose the production of an aerospace-oriented group of American youth possessing qualities of outstanding leadership, undergirded with high moral character. The chaplain plays a very important part in this objective. To him has been delegated the responsibility for the moral and religious welfare of all CAP personnel.

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Ellington AFB, Texas

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mitting His own to suffer in the words of the fourth stanza:

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply,
The flames shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine."

If, as Hebrews tells us, the Son of God was perfected through the things which He suffered, isn't it wonderful that the Father should choose to perfect us through suffering?

Further comfort is tendered to us in the thought that God has not made us to be "trail-blazers" in the life of suffering, but we have a perfect example in the Lord Jesus Christ. God knows that we weary easily when the way is hard, that we begin to wonder whether it is worth the while, and so He gave us the admonition "Consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds" (Heb. 12:3). When it seems that we cannot take another stripe for His sake, when the bed of suffering threatens to break our faith in His goodness, when sorrow crushes our hearts, then it is time for us to wend our ways to the cross and reconsider Him who suffered "the just for the unjust." As we contemplate Calvary anew in this light we shall cry, "O God, forgive my feeble faith. Make real to me that grace which you have promised as all-sufficient that I may endure." And when the earthly scene flees at His coming, we shall rejoice that "we have been accounted worthy to suffer for his sake!"

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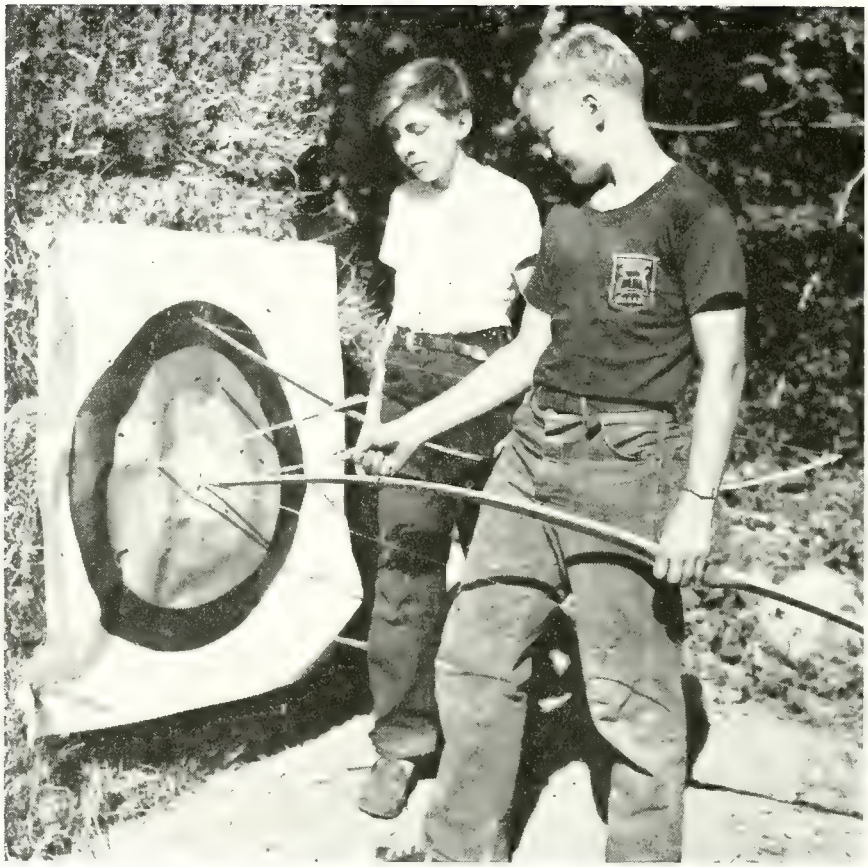
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From the WMC President's Pen

Mrs. Paul E. Dick

Amid the noise of daily activities we invite you to a quiet place for a spiritual vision check-up. "Looking Unto Jesus" should be more than just the theme for our monthly devotional programs. It can direct our daily spiritual discernment for the many and varied activities, to seek out time in our already too busy schedules. Our look to Calvary, and the "Looking for that blessed hope" will improve our vision and bring us joy in each daily experience. The practical thought was given in one of our recent Sunday-school lessons: "All the world is a camera: Look pleasant, please!"

Has "Looking Unto Jesus" drawn us closer to Him in our daily devotions? The question was recently asked of an evangelist: "How would you go about reading your Bible?" The answer given was, "Systematically." Yes; we need a regular time, place, and plan for our own devotions, and our Family Worship. "If you want to be miserable, look within; disturbed, look around; peaceful, look up."

Has our prayer life led us to surrender our wills to "his sweet will" as the hymnwriter puts it? We can urge the fifteenth day of the month for prayer, as well as faithfulness to all prayer services, but prayer cannot be regimented. It will come from hearts overflowing with increasing faith that are "Looking Unto Him."

Every woman "Looking Unto Jesus" a soul-winner. There is power necessary to achieve this goal. The Spirit of God indwells each believer, but His power is revealed only in those who are willing to let Him do so. When God asked Moses: "What is that in thine hand?" Moses answered, "A rod." This seemed like a very unusable thing, and it was! Sometimes we feel very unusable. The power of God working through our hearts can accomplish wonderful things. Our heart-beliefs will be manifested in outward attractiveness revealing the fruit of the spirit in our lives.

June is a very important month to us in WMC: election of local officers, mailing time ror our Foreign Missionary offering for our new Missionary Residence, Missionary Birthday offering, and our Jewish Missions Thank Offering. Isn't it a wonderful priviledge to share our material possessions, as well as our prayers, with those who have been called to serve in various fields? Our missionary vision increases each year with the growing needs of our missionaries in their particular callings for service. We are first, and always, a missionary group of women "Looking Unto Jesus."

We trust you are "Looking Unto Jesus" in anticipation for an inspiring National Conference at Winona Lake in August. The program committee from the Southeast district has planned an interesting and challenging week for us. Come prayerfully, and expect great blessings. Share with us in our fellowship with our beloved missionaries, our WMC sisters, and our fine group of SMM girls, and most of all our fellowship with Him who is the source of our spiritual vision.

We have appreciated your prayers and fine cooperation during our five years as your national WMC president. Continue to pray that our spiritual vision will radiate unto the uttermost parts of the earth, and that each WMC woman will be given the guidance, wisdom, and blessings that are a result of "Looking Unto Jesus."



HOME-GOING OF MRS. IVA M. KOLB

Mrs. Iva M. Kolb a faithful worker among the women, girls, and children of the Brethren Church, and pioneer in the Sisterhood work of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania went to be with her Lord on May 2, 1962. She had a great deal to do with maintaining interest in Sisterhood, and met with an auxiliary group until the time of her death.

For the past fifteen years she has lived in West Chester, Pennsylvania, with her sister, Dr. Mary D. Kendrick. She was buried beside her husband, William Kolb, Jr., in Parkerford, Pennsylvania.

A devotional theme for June

FAITHFULNESS

By Mrs. Owen Sheller

Peru, Indiana



"Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it" (I Thess. 5:24).

What a wonderful promise we have that He is ever faithful in helping us in those things that He has called us to do. There are a number of things in which we are admonished to be faithful. Can we take a little time to think on a few?

We should be faithful in the study of the Word so that we would be better able to cope with the problems and questions of today. Through Bible study we are strengthened, enlightened, and yes, chastened in our daily Christian walk. *Study*—don't just read or gloss over it, but search out the truth which He has there for us. "Study to shew thyself approved" (II Tim. 2:15).

In the study of the Word we have fellowship with the Father. How can we know what pleases or displeases Him unless we read what He has written to us? From our earthly parents we soon learn what we should or should not do to please them, so surely we cannot do less than search His Word and learn how we may experience that abounding and abiding love and fellowship in Him.

What about prayer? Should we be less faithful in speaking to the Father than in having Him speak to us through the Word? How we should cherish the blessed fellowship that is ours as we come to Him in prayer, and to know that His ear is never turned from us, but that He is longing to hear us speak. Is your heart filled with joy and happiness? Praise Him! Do you have a burden or problem that cannot be shared with any one? He never reveals a secret—take it to the Lord in prayer. There is no Christian who cannot pray. Words need not be uttered audibly to be a prayer, for the Father knows our every thought. There is a place for audible prayer and one should learn to pray, but whether heard by the ear of man or by God alone—*pray*.

Before our Lord returned to the Father, one last command was given by Him. How faithful are we in performing it? "Ye shall be witnesses unto me" (Acts 1:8).

There are many ways by which we can witness for Him, but this command is perhaps one of the most difficult to perform faithfully. All are not called to be leaders or teachers, so some must be followers and listeners. What about your testimony as a follower and team worker? Can you take it, or must you be in the driver's seat? We recall once hearing Dr. R. D. Barnard make the statement that it is often more important to be a good follower than a leader (and more difficult). Do we do the task cheerfully, or is it a drudge?

We shall have to give an account of the talent or talents which were given to us to use for His honor and glory. When a request came for you to use a talent, what did you do? Your talent may be as a babysitter, or helping to provide for, or assist those, in need, or listening to the problems of one who trusts you and *never* betraying that confidence. Many seemingly small talents become great when used because we love Him and desire to show forth that love to others as we witness for Him.

What price are we willing to pay to be a faithful witness for Him who gave His very life for us? When we can speak forth the truth and know that some listen, we feel like patting ourselves on the back; but when the same truth is given and we are laughed at with scorn, how miserable we feel and how inadequate!

In VBS we told the Creation story to the Beginners, and when on the seventh day God rested, we said He rested because His work was finished and not because He was tired, for God didn't get tired. The following week we related the story of Jesus in the home of Simon where Mary anointed Jesus. We spoke of the friends that Jesus had, and how He enjoyed visiting with them and especially when He was tired and weary. Bruce, about five years old, spoke up and said: "But teacher I thought you told us that God didn't get tired." So as clearly and carefully as possible we explained the Triune God (Trinity) to those little ones, trusting the Spirit to work in their lives.

About two weeks after this experience a Jehovah's Witness called at our home, and during the conversation we asked if she believed in the Trinity, and she laughed and said there is no such thing, for there is only God and He is just one person. A five-year-old lad accepted the Triune God in simple faith, but the adult would not heed the truth as recorded in His Word. She said that being a "Follower" of God was enough to assure being in His kingdom. How wonderful is the faith of a child, and how tragic is the loss of a deluded, misguided adult soul!

As WMC women, may we think upon these privileges and obligations which are ours in Christ. In our Bible study, may we be faithful and "search the scriptures" (John 5:39). When we pray, may it be with the confidence and boldness He has given as recorded in Jeremiah 33:3: "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou know[illegible]." And as we witness [illegible] in our own strength [illegible] knowledge, but as the Spirit directs, and because of our love for Him.

Around the World

MISSIONARY FAIR!

BY MRS. C. A. ELGIN

Secretary, The Brethren Women's Missionary Council, Southern California-Arizona District

(WMC Editor's Note: On a large scale or small, here's an idea perhaps you can use to promote missions in your local church.)

OUR last quarterly missionary rally this year was one of the most successful that the Southern California-Arizona District Women's Missionary Council of the Brethren Church has ever sponsored. "Brethren Missions Around the World" was the theme which we called the "Missionary Fair," and more than a dozen rooms on three floors of the First Brethren Church in Long Beach were used to stage the event.

The Fair drew families from nearly all the Brethren churches of the Southern California-Arizona District on February 19, 1962. Many said it was the most outstanding missionary event ever held in the forty-nine-year history of the host church in Long Beach, California.

A different room was assigned for every missionary project, and various councils or individuals of the District took responsibility for a given field. Represented were Africa, Argentina, Brazil, France, Hawaii, Mexico, Puerto Rico; the Navajo Mission at Cuba, New Mexico; the Spanish-American Mission at Taos, New Mexico; the Messianic Testimony of Los Angeles; District Missions of Southern California-Arizona; the Brethren Home Missions Council; and of course there was an exhibit provided by our District Women's Missionary Council combined with the Sisterhood of Mary and Martha.

The tour began at 7 p.m. and the rooms were held open until 8:15 p.m. when the rally in the main auditorium of the church began.

Near each exhibit was a hostess to tell the visitors where to go next.

As many missionaries as could be brought from the area or surrounding country were in attendance at the various booths. Among these were either active or retired* missionaries from Africa, Argentina, Navajoland, and even Taos, New Mexico.

In the absence of missionaries from Puerto Rico, the Polman family relatives of the Brennemans there, represented that field and served beans and rice from the Puerto Rican room.

Mr. Haag and Mrs. Howard, missionaries to Mexico, brought with them five Mexican believers who served cocoanut tamales at their exhibit, and the pastors of two of our churches in Mexico provided music in that room.

The Buttons and Isobel Fraser, from the Messianic Testimony in Los Angeles, served Jewish bread and grapejuice at their booth.

Other foods typical of the countries represented were served as follows: raw peanuts in Africa, coffee from Brazil, pineapple cubes from Hawaii, and anise cookies from Taos, New Mexico. From an umbrella table of a typical sidewalk cafe in the French room our guests were served French chocolate candy, and cake and punch were served at the SMM booth.

Many of the people at the booths (some of them missionaries) were dressed in costumes representing the garb of the different countries.

Outside each exhibit was a collection of balloons. These were given out one by one to the children who came by, and the adults were handed pencils provided by the Foreign Missionary Society of The Brethren Church. Free literature of the various mission fields was also available at the foreign exhibits through the courtesy of the FMS.

The tour of the "countries" set the stage for the missionary rally which, incidentally, was tied in with our annual "Family Night" to which the husbands and whole families were invited. Dr. Orville D. Jobson, former superintendent of our mission in the Republic of Central Africa, brought the missionary challenge of the evening.

There was a minimum of clean-up chores after the Fair because so many cooperated to make the event a success.

Many were the excited comments asking that we have another Fair very soon—a time to bring to the attention of our people the successes and needs of each of our projects in the "Brethren Missions Around the World."

Missionaries on hand were the Dunnings, Hills, Johanna Nielsen, Joan and Evan Adams, the Horneys, Walter Haag, Mrs. A. L. Howard, the Buttons and Miss Isobel Fraser, Jobsons, Balzers, Sheldons, Mrs Clarence Sickel, Misses Mary Ann Habegger, Gail Jones, and Marian Thurston.

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Brazil display table.

LONG BEACH MISSIONARY FAIR IN PICTURES



France display table with Mrs. George Cripe on right.



Mexico clothes display.



Another picture of the Puerto Rico display with Rev. Gerald Polman serving.



Mexico display area with representati[illegible] Howard's work

. . . as a Help to Her Husband

By Mrs. Harold Painter

Montclair, California

It is a real joy to read from God's Word that Mother Eve was taken from Adam's side—not his feet or even his head, but from his side! Thus we received our God-given position of "helpmate"—one who stands beside the man she loves.

In this day and age when great numbers of women have left their homes to enter the field formerly known as "the man's world," it becomes increasingly harder for us as women to remember our position. But God has not changed His order, and according to Ephesians 5:23 man is still the head of the household.

It has been said: "Behind every truly great man, there is a woman, sometimes his mother, but more often his wife." It is a sobering thought to realize that if your husband's service for the Lord isn't as fruitful as it could be, perhaps you are to blame!

At first thought, you might feel that this admonition should be addressed primarily to the pastor's wife. However, being a pastor's wife, the writer has always felt that every Christian wife has the same responsibility (I Tim. 3:11).

First, there's the pastor or Sunday-school superintendent who on Saturday has completed his preparation of an inspirational message only to miserably fail in its delivery on Sunday because of the Sunday morning harassment he received in his home. Or again, there's the pastor or teacher who has gone before his people lacking in final prayer and preparation because he has had to share heavily in the home responsibilities. As helpmates how can we help to remedy this situation? Yes; those children are his as well as ours, but his *first* responsibility is to the Lord (Matt. 10:37). If you can't get us at seven o'clock and get the children dressed, fed, and ready for Sunday school, and dinner in the oven, try getting up at six! The Lord will even bless you with a few private moments to quiet your own heart before Him and prepare you for your place of service for the day. If necessary prepare your Sunday dinner days ahead; God gave us refrigerators and freezers for times like these! At any cost, guard well your loved one's morning hours that he may "come before the Lord with gladness."

Maybe your husband is a Boy's Club leader, and women aren't allowed, so it would seem that he doesn't need your help. But say, did you ever chide him for his tardiness, although you made him wait fifteen minutes for his evening meal, or while you ironed his shirt? It's generally easier to help with our voice than with our hands, but the latter is much more effective!

Then again, perhaps your husband is just the janitor of the church, whether for salary or as a labor of love, and you feel you have all you can do to keep one house clean; yet the Lord expects you as a helpmate to assist in keeping God's house so that it is a joy to worship there at all times (Ps. 84:10).

In other words, no matter what the service is to which the Lord has called your husband, He has called you "along side to help" with your prayers, your words of encouragement, the help of your heart and hands, and even your shoulder, on which to weep!

Perhaps one last word should be given to encourage that Christian wife whose husband does not know the Lord. Your first and greatest obligation and service is to so live your Christian experience that it may be the help he needs to yield to the wooing of the Holy Spirit.

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS FOR AUGUST

AFRICA—

Susan Robbins August 19, 1954
B.P. 36, Bossangoa via Bangui, Central African Republic

Miss Ruth Kent August 21
B.P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic

Rev. J. P. Kliever August 21
B.P. 240, Bangui, Central African Republic

ARGENTINA—

Mrs. Lynn D. Schrock August 17
Calle 10, No. 90, Barrio Parque Velez, Sarsfield, Cordoba, Argentina, S. A.

Rev. Clark W. Miller August 18
San Martin 254, Huinca Renanco, F.C.N.G.B.M., Prov. Cordoba, Argentina, S. A.

Rev. Jack B. Churchill August 20
Remedios de Escalada 74, Rio Tercero, F.C.B.M., Prov. Cordoba, Argentina, S. A.

Aldo Elwyn Hoyt August 21, 1950
Chiclana 1074, Don Bosco, F.C.G.R., Argentina, S. A.

Lynette Marie Cover August 21, 1958
Reconquista 178, Corral de Bustos, F.C.N.G.B.M., Prov. Cordoba, Argentina, S. A.

BRAZIL—

Rev. Randall E. Maycumber August 1
Macapa, Terr. Federal do Amapa, Brazil

Rev. Bill A. Burk August 5
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil

Mrs. George A. Johnson August 10
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil

FRANCE—

Mrs. P. Fredrick Fogle August 7
5, square de la Source, Franconville (S. & O.) France

MEXICO—

Duane Edmiston August 14, 1955
519 Sunset Lane, San Ysidro, California, U.S.A.

IN THE UNITED STATES—

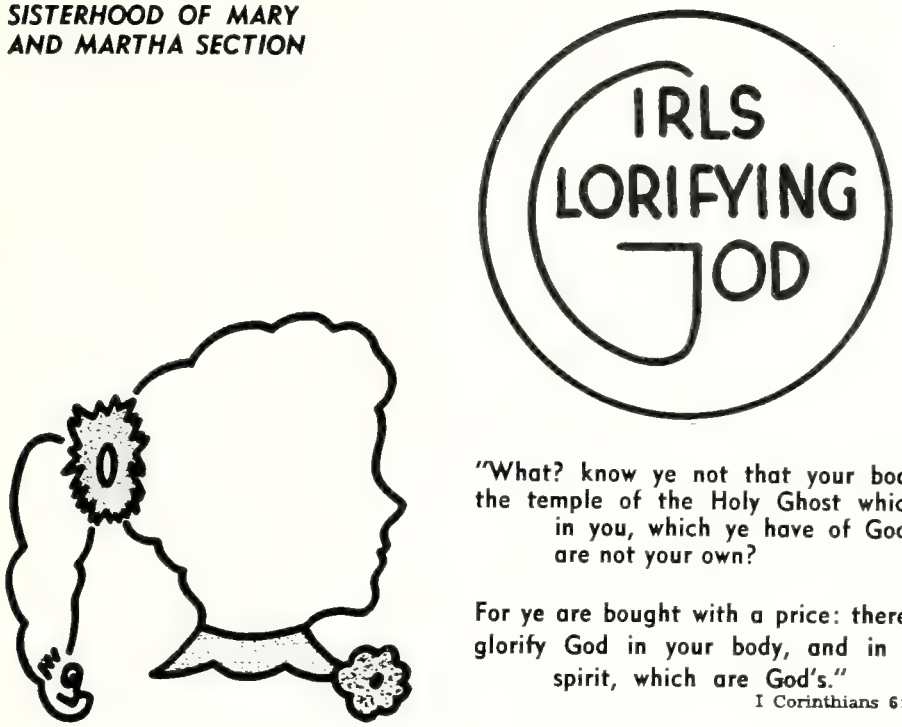
Stephen Paul Mason August 6, 1949
c/o George Lord, Sr., 2013 Alabama Avenue, Fort Wayne, Indiana

Gloria Elizabeth Mason August 13, 1951
c/o George Lord, Sr., 2013 Alabama Avenue, Fort Wayne, Indiana

Dr. Floyd W. Taber August 16
101—4th Street, Winona Lake, Indiana

Miss Elizabeth Tyson August 25
105 Seminary Drive, Winona Lake, Indiana

Terry Lee Julien August 27, 1959
403 West North Street, Arcanum, Ohio



"What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, ye are not your own?

For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."
I Corinthians 6:19-20

Around the World for Christ . . . Hawaii Life

By Mrs. Edmund Leech

How we would like to welcome you to warm, sunny Hawaii—one of our newest mission fields. I know you would enjoy Hawaii—the paradise of the Pacific—with her swaying palms and friendly people. If you were not particularly an ice-skating enthusiast, you would like our year-round sunshine and warmth.

You would soon notice that most people are *not* caucasion. Most of the population is composed of Japanese, Chinese, Philippine, Hawaiian, Portugese, and Korean people, but the Japanese predominate. They are all fine people indeed. Our Jonathan was the only white pupil in Sunday school of an attendance of sixty-eight on Sunday.

Here the missionary does not have to settle down to the difficult and arduous task of learning a language, for most people speak English, although you would soon discover that some of them speak a type of "pigeon" English all of their own. You would soon hear them say "da kine," and it would take you a little while to figure out what it means. They use "da kine" where we say "you know what I mean."

The people here have an interesting custom of entering their homes without shoes, so we do likewise. On Sunday mornings dozens of pairs of shoes outside our front door would tell you that we have a good attendance. How the children find the right slippers and shoes after Sunday school is a bit of a mystery to all of us, but so far we have had only one complaint. One child went home with the wrong zoris! In the church service that follows, we also sit in our stocking feet or bare feet—mostly bare feet. However, when we no longer have Sunday school and church in our own home we will not need to remove our shoes. In a few weeks time we are hoping to move into a new nearby school. It will be such a blessing to us personally. For now each Sunday we dismantle Jonathan's bed and shift everything from his room into the wee study—only to put it back Sunday afternoon.

As yet we do not have an SMM, but we are working in that direction. We do have a fine group of girls. These girls are also seeking to glorify God by faithfully witnessing for Christ in their homes—and what is more important—living Christ. Some of them are very burdened for their unsaved parents. One day one of our girls came to the door with a little box. In it she had pennies, nickels, and dimes which she and her brother had saved. They wanted very much to buy Bibles for their mother, father, and an uncle who lives with them. How we prayed that these precious Books would be read, but a visit revealed that they were *not* read. The parents are Buddhists! However, the children pray on. This girl is also busy right now (as are some others) memorizing God's Word under the Bible Memory Association plan. They want to hide God's Word in their hearts that they might not sin against Him. How we thank God for this! Some of the girls are also faithful in coming along to the Good News Clubs, and the older girls to the BYF meetings.

On the whole our girls have the same types of temptations that you have, and most of them have the additional disadvantage of not having Christian parents. Perhaps one of the biggest hindrances our girls face is the desire of almost every island girl—to dance the hula. A few of them are taking hula lessons, and we feel [illegible] help to their spiritual growth. Pray for them.

PLAYING THE FIELD

DEAR AMY:

Talk about conflicts with parents! My parents and I fuss all the time about my dating. "You're not old enough"; "You never introduce us to your friends"; "You must get in early"; "He doesn't do anything for you" (meaning, of course, that he isn't good enough for me); "Remember, no necking and petting." These are but a few of the pointers they constantly remind me of. What shall I do? I am old enough to know whom I like and whom I do not like.

Love,
Nan

Dear Nan:

Love is the most exciting experience, isn't it? There are many ingredients that go into the recipe for romantic happiness, but unfortunately, there is no magic recipe that will answer all of the questions. Although you think your problems are unique, remember that our Lord knows all about them. He created you and gave you a distinct personality. Do you wish to enhance this personality with high standards, or do you want to follow the pressure of "Everybody's doing it" and drift with the crowd?

First of all, Nan, it is important to get along with Mother and Dad. This is one of the factors that will help you to get along with people in general and with your "Prince Charming" in particular.

Now, let us think about their objections. "You are too young to go steady." Your parents both realize that you are immature—physically and emotionally—even though you and your friends are absolutely sure you are fully grown up. Then too, remember that when you limit yourself to one person, you miss the opportunity of meeting many Christian young people. Likewise when one goes steady, time is given to the date, rather than to the studies, which are so important just now. You may not think education at this point is so important, but the right young man is interested that the girl spend time cultivating the inside of her head as well as the outside.

The admonition to "introduce your friend," rather than meet him at a corner or to run at the mere honk of the horn at your curbstone, is a timely one. We have lost the art of courteous living to a degree. Proper introduction to your friends will give your parents an opportunity to approve or disapprove, will build confidence between you and your parents, and will show the young man you care about him, and are anxious that he know your parents. If after they have been introduced, they say, "He doesn't do anything for you," it may be good for you to take stock of yourself—check your attitudes to determine whether you have become careless about your mode of attire, whether you are as anxious to attend spiritual functions, and whether you cooperate with the other members of your family as you once did. Family council is a good place to talk these problems over. The right kind of a date should make you more careful in the home, improve you socially, encourage study, and challenge you to the joys of Christian companionship.

Unfortunately, many standards are set today by fiction, television programs, and the stars of Hollywood. The idea of late dates seems to be the fashion of our generation, and has come to us from the world. The Christian is told however, to be a "lover of light rather than darkness." The body of the Christian is the temple of the Holy Spirit. We must be alert to the situations of the day. Late hours become a time for "aloneness" of the couple. Under cover of late hours many couples have wished they had returned home at the time set by Mother and Dad. Frustration, embarrassment, and tragedy would have been avoided. Then too, remember, the body needs rest and sleep. You cannot be alert at school or work when the body is tired and worn out.

Nan dear, God has endowed womanhood with grace and beauty. Every worthwhile young man will respect the girl who safeguards her purity and chastity. Since God has created each of us to reproduce, it behooves us to be honest to our offspring and to have no regrets when one holds the hand of her companion and looks for the first time at the "little bundle from heaven." Mother and Dad understand the pitfalls. Honor their advice and their desires.

Your friend in the Lord,
AMY

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for the meetings at national conference. Pray for the Lord's direction in the many decisions that must be made.

Pray for our missionaries and remember especially the field that we are studying about this month—Hawaii.

Pray for all newly elected officers on the local and district levels as they will soon assume their new responsibilities.

Suggested Program for July

Devotional:

"Girls Glorifying God . . . in Giving"

Memory Verse:

Middler and Senior—Romans 12:1

Mission Study:

"Around the World for Christ . . . in Hawaii"

Attention Everyone!

1. NOTICE OF CHANGE OF ADDRESSES:

As of June 1 *all mail* to your national officers should be sent to the new addresses. (See listing below.) *See your SMM Officiary.*

NOTE: Due to your editor's itineration for the summer, all *mail for the editor* should be sent to the co-editor, *Miss Rosalie Ash, Bunker Hill, West Virginia.*

2. All bandages should be kept by the districts until notification of the place to send them. *Do not* send them to the national bandage secretary. This only involves an unnecessary amount of postage as *all bandages* must be sent out from Winona Lake to Africa.

NOOZ FROM YOOZ

MUNDY'S CORNER, PA. (Pike Brethren). The Junior SMM girls have enjoyed the study of God's Word together and have worked diligently to meet their goals and glorify God this year.

JOHNSTOWN, PA. (First Brethren). The Senior SMM girls had fun packing boxes of cookies for their friends who are away at college. In April they enjoyed the SMM Birthday Party honoring the Sisterhood of Mary and Martha.

ALTOONA, PA. (First Brethren). A paper drive to raise money for "Operation Deep Freeze" (East District Project) was sponsored by the Senior SMM. The girls are also proud that some of their members are on the East District national quiz team.

WINONA LAKE, IND. A successful year has been enjoyed by the Junior SMM girls. Mrs. Rose Foster, retired missionary to Africa, spoke at their March meeting. Other activities have included a skating party and a "slumberless" party.

EAST DISTRICT SMM. Editor's Note: This news item came from the East district patroness, Mrs. Ruth Barndt. Read below of the Lord's blessing upon that district.

The East district SMM spring rally was held at the Singer Hill Grace Brethren Church with approximately 300 in attendance.

The theme, "Rewards in Christ," was a real spiritual tonic to all that were privileged to attend. During the devotions we were reminded of some of the rewards that can be ours through our gracious Lord. One of the girls gave us the remedy and sure cure for a dark outlook on life in a poem entitled, "Try the Up-Look." Even the beautiful messages of song and praise during the singing and special music challenged us anew to "Glorify God" in our daily lives while we wait for His return.

One of the "Little Sister" groups gave a playlet entitled, "A Dream of a Dress." Some of the cast looked like actual little native girls from the jungles of Africa. We were given more spiritual food for thought by some of the older SMM girls in skit presentations.

During the business meeting and election of district officers in the general assembly, the "Little Sisters" and patronesses retired to the church basement for an hour session of their own. Each "Little Sister" group participated in the program, and they enjoyed a devotional message given by one of the patronesses.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Our district project offering came to the grand total of $630. "Operation Deep Freeze" was launched upon much prayer and faith—thus our offering was more than double the original goal. The money will be given to the Brethren Navajo Mission to purchase a freezer for the school. A $10 gift certificate was awarded to the SMM groups of the Leamersville Grace Brethren Church for giving the most money toward the project. The certificate was designated to be used to buy Christian reading books for the girls.

As we approach the end of another SMM year, we again thank God for His goodness unto us. May we prayerfully continue looking to Him for daily wisdom and guidance in living our lives to His honor and glory.

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NEWS

MEMBER EPA EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION

RIALTO, CALIF. The Rialto Brethren Church, Gerald Polman, pastor, dedicated their new fellowship hall May 20. Dr. L. L. Grubb was the guest speaker, and the Cherry Valley Brethren Church choir, Beaumont, Calif., provided the special music.

WATERLOO, IOWA. The Melody Messengers from Calvary Bible College in Kansas City presented a program of music and testimony at Grace Brethren Church May 27. John Aeby, pastor.

MANSFIELD, OHIO. M. L. Myers, pastor of the Woodville Grace Brethren Church, reports 105 have been baptized at Woodville during the past four and one-half years.

BERNE, IND. The Senior BYF of the Bethel Brethren Church are planning a bus trip to Chicago June 16. One of the points of interest will be the Museum of Science and Industry. Kenneth E. Russell is pastor.

ALEPPO, PA. Evangelist Bill Smith reports 15 first-time conversions during his meetings May 13-20 at the Aleppo Brethren Church, W. Wayne Baker, pastor.

NOTICE: Quite a number of churches have taken advantage of the previously announced special offer on the *Inspiring Hymns* hymnal by Singspiration. The Brethren Missionary Herald will continue to offer them at $1.60 each in quantities, postage paid. Churches planning purchasing new hymnals are invited to consider *Inspiring Hymns,* first choice of the National Conference hymnbook committee.

WINONA LAKE, IND. Kay Durkee, oldest daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Sherwood Durkee, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Vandalia, Ohio, was elected to the National Junior Honor Society of Warsaw, Ind. Junior High School last semester.

GRANDVIEW, WASH. George Christie, 1962 Grace Seminary graduate, has accepted a unanimous call to become pastor of the First Brethren Church here. He will assume his pastoral duties sometime in June.

KITTANNING, PA. W. H. Schaffer, pastor of the First Brethren Church, reports that 13 men met for prayer in the church at seven o'clock on Sunday morning, May 27. A men's prayer fellowship meets every Sunday morning at this time in the church.

TAOS, N. MEX. The Canon Brethren Church, Sam Horney, pastor, operates a kindergarten as a community service for the pre-school children of Taos. On May 24 the Canon Brethren Kindergarten graduated ten students. Mrs. Mary Esquibel, first-grade teacher of the Canon Public School, gave the address of the evening.

ALEXANDRIA, VA. The following officers were elected at district conference May 18 to serve the Mid-Atlantic Fellowship of Brethren Churches this coming year: Mod., Warren E. Tamkin; V. Mod., Paul E. Dick; Secy., J. Edward Cordell, Jr.; Asst. Secy., William E. Howard; Treas., Ralph H. Fitz; Stat., John J. Burns.

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA. A father-son banquet sponsored by the Grace Brethren Church was held at the Black Angus Apr. 16. Captain Marsh, U.S. Army Chaplain of Fort Story, Va., was the special speaker.

WOOSTER, OHIO. Charles Turner, pastor of the First Brethren Church, Rittman, Ohio, presented an illustrated message on Palestine to the First Brethren Church here May 27. He spoke on the new nation of Israel and told how the modern miracles of the birth of a nation took place.

KOKOMO, IND. The Indian Heights Grace Brethren Church reports that 300 people attended the graduation program of their Day School May 24. Robert Burns is supervisor of the school and pastor of the church.

DAYTON, OHIO. The Brookville Grace Brethren Church, Brookville, Ohio, Charles Noffsinger, interim pastor, and the Centerville Brethren Church, Centerville, Ohio, Hugh Cambell, pastor, were received into the Southern Ohio District Conference May 1962. The district conference was held at the Patterson Park Brethren Church here. Richard Sellers was moderator. Nathan Casement was host pastor.

WADSWORTH, OHIO. Mrs. Elden H. Pifer (Rose), aged 63, went to be with the Lord May 23 of an incurable disease. She leaves a husband, and nine children, of whom Rev. Lester E. Pifer, ass't. secretary of the Brethren Home Missions Council, is the oldest. She was a member of the First Brethren Church, Rittman, Ohio. Charles Turner is pastor.

GOSHEN, IND. The Grace Brethren Church, R. Paul Miller, pastor is making a special drive for a large payment on its church building indebtedness to culminate in a Jubilee day on Rally Day Oct. 1. The Sunday-school cabinet decided to launch a slogan for the summer loyalty campaign, "No summer slump, but summer jump."

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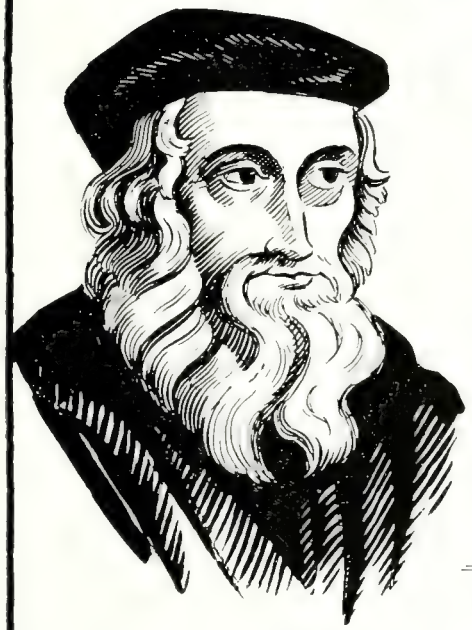
SORGE, Lynn, ten, was killed in an automobile accident Apr. 23. Lynn was a member of the First Brethren Church, Altoona, Pa.

—Ralph Burns, pastor

MILLER, Lawrence, 77, went to be with the Lord May 17. He was a faithful member of the First Brethren Church of Whittier, Calif., and recently of the Cherry Valley Church, Beaumont, Calif.

—Wendell Kent, pastor

The First Bible in English



JOHN WYCLIFFE

A PROFESSOR AT OXFORD UNIVERSITY, BELIEVED THAT EVERYONE SHOULD BE ABLE TO READ GOD'S WORD FOR HIMSELF. ALTHOUGH IT WAS AGAINST THE RULES OF THE CHURCH, HE AND HIS ASSISTANTS TRANSLATED JEROME'S LATIN BIBLE INTO THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE.





VERY FEW PEOPLE OF THAT DAY COULD READ, SO WYCLIFFE SENT HIS HELPERS OUT AMONG THE PEASANTS TO EXPLAIN HIS VIEWS AND READ THE SCRIPTURES TO THEM. PEOPLE EVERYWHERE WERE GLAD TO HEAR FOR THE FIRST TIME, WHAT THE BIBLE HAD TO SAY.

CHURCH LEADERS WERE ANGRY AT WYCLIFFE AND HIS FOLLOWERS. THEY NICKNAMED THEM "POOR PRIESTS" AND "LOLLARDS" (THOSE WHO MUMBLE THEIR PRAYERS). MANY OF THE WYCLIFFE BIBLE WORKERS WERE IMPRISONED AND BURNED AT THE STAKE. JOHN WYCLIFFE DIED IN 1384, BUT HIS WORK WAS CARRIED ON BY OTHERS.



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44 YEARS AFTER HIS DEATH, WYCLIFFE'S GRAVE WAS DUG UP--AS COMMANDED BY THE POPE--HIS REMAINS WERE BURNED AND SCATTERED ON THE RIVER SWIFT.

EXCEPT FOR THESE BRAVE MEN, THE BIBLE MIGHT STILL BE A CLOSED BOOK TODAY!



Churches IN THE News

HAGERSTOWN, MD.

Once again it was our privilege to have Rev. Lester Pifer as an evangelist in the Gay Street Brethren Church.

The meetings started on the day that our church was dedicated and Brother Pifer centered his messages on the great need of prayer and then of witnessing.

There was a real growing interest. The crowd increased, and the same ones came back each night. Real Holy Spirit conviction was evident, several were saved, and a number came for rededication. Six have entered the waters of baptism since the meetings. God is still dealing with several.

It was a blessed time to work with the evangelist in the homes as he individually explained salvation.

Our people were well pleased with Brother Pifer's ministry here at Gay Street; our deep regret was that he could only be with us for one week.

—William Howard, pastor

STOYSTOWN, PA.

Just a line in praise to our God for the marvelous manner in which He moves in response to His children's work and prayers. The Reading Brethren Church broke all attendance records last Lord's Day (Resurrection Day). We had set our sights on one hundred for Sunday school, but went over the top in grand style. There were 112 present for Sunday school and eighty-six at Morning Worship service. This is in comparison with a year ago yesterday when there were thirty-seven at Sunday school and thirty at morning worship.

The folks here have obtained a piece of land (about 3 acres) and, the Lord willing, expect to break ground for a new church during the summer of 1963. The land is free of encumbrance.

—Leonard E. Bennett, pastor

LONG BEACH, CALIF.

Brethren High School students of Long Beach, California won seventeen awards at the California Association of Christian Schools speech meet recently.

The upper division (11th and 12th grades) won first place awards in Bible Interpretation, Original Oratory, and Interpretation of Shakespeare. This division won second place in Extemporaneous Speech, and Interpretation of Shakespeare. Three third place awards were earned in Bible Interpretation, Extemporaneous Speech and in Original Oratory. This division won ten excellent ratings.

The lower division (9th and 10th grades) won first place awards in Interpretation of Shakespeare, Extemporaneous Speech and in Poetry. Interpretation of Shakespeare, Original Oratory, Interpretation of Humorous Literature and Poetry contestants won second place. Third place honors were awarded in Interpretation of Humorous Literature and in Bible Interpretation. This lower division also won ten excellent ratings and Becky Seal won a rating of superior, one of just three given in the entire meet, for her Interpretation of Shakespeare.

—Ernest Bearinger
Minister of Christian Education

SUNNYSIDE, WASH.

Records are made to be broken and that is what happened at the First Brethren Church in Sunnyside on Easter Sunday, April 22. The record attendance prior to this occasion was 365. This record was established on Easter Sunday in 1954. Our goal for 1962 at least equalled our membership enrollment of 370. When the count was made our total attendance for the day was 374 and a new record of attendance.

On Sunday, April 15, Pastor Moore baptized ten, three adults and seven young people. On Sunday, April 22 at the morning worship hour four first-time decisions were made. During that same week two more decisions were made.

The adult church choir, under the direction of Mrs. H. Leslie Moore, presented the Easter message in song. The choir was assisted by Scripture readings from a speaking choir of Junior High young people, a violin duet, and a brass and reed ensemble. This service was carried over the local radio station KREW. This service was made possible through the courtesy of the station and was well received.

The new educational unit is nearing completion and of necessity has been put into use. Since Easter Sunday at least five classes (Sunday school) have been meeting in these new facilities. On Friday, May 3, the Brethren Laymen's Fellowship held its Father and Son banquet in the new unit.

—H. Leslie Moore, pastor

DAYTON, OHIO

The working of the Holy Spirit and direct answers to prayer were evident during the one week Evangelistic Crusade at the Grace Brethren Church of Dayton, Ohio, April 8-15. There was excellent attendance during the week and the visible results were sixteen first-time decisions for Christ, thirty-six rededications of life to the Lord, and three desiring church membership. Mr. Roger Lakes, of the North Riverdale Brethren Church, was the director of music. Rev. Everett Caes is the pastor of the church.

—Bill Smith, evangelist

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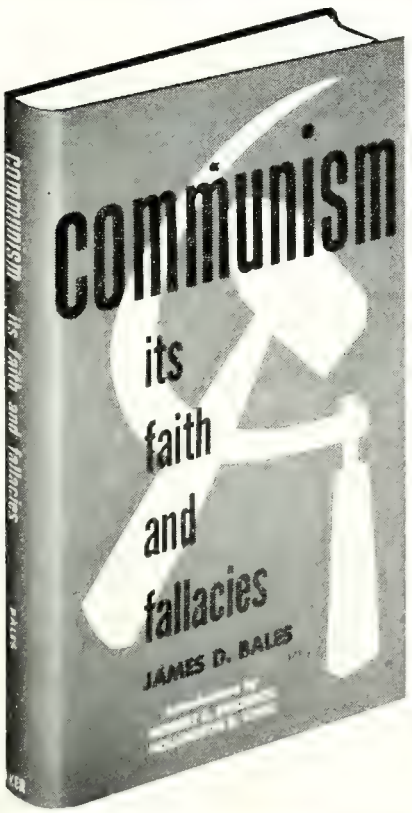
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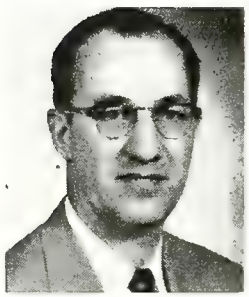
Is communism really the vicious, God-denying philosophy and system it is said to be? Can a Christian retain his convictions and be tolerant of communism? Author Bales gives us intelligent and forthright answers to these and many other questions which confront all of us.

James Bales is professor of Bible at Harding College at Searcy, Arkansas, and has been a minister in the Church of Christ for over a quarter of a century.

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By Rev. Kenneth B. Ashman

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The Eternal Security of the Believer

(Ed note. The following is a message given on "Your Daily Devotions" radio broadcast by Brother Ashman.

One of the basic problems in a discussion of "Eternal Security," "Blessed Assurance," or whatever you want to call this Biblical promise, is a misunderstanding of the means and extent of our salvation. We are saved by grace, not of works, lest any man should boast (Eph. 2:8-10). Our salvation is not dependent upon what we do for Him, but what He has done for us. And, while our faithfulness may rise and fall, His purposes are the same always, He never changes. Therefore, what He has promised to do, and what He has set out to do, that He will surely accomplish.

Note the nature of our redemption. In John 10, the great passage in which the Lord presents himself as the Good Shepherd, He makes these sweeping claims: "The good shepherd giveth his life for his sheep" (v. 11); "I . . . know my sheep, and am known of mine" (v. 14); "I give unto them *eternal life;* and they shall *never perish;* neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand." The only possible way to argue that these verses promise less than eternal security is to quibble about the meaning of the term *eternal.* Does it mean eternal as long as we stay out of sin? Does it mean eternal as long as we keep on believing? Does it mean a conditional eternal that is after all only temporary and subject to change? Remember, this term "eternal" is the same as that used in the Bible to describe the "eternal glory of the Father." Does that ever change or cease to be. God Forbid! Likewise, the word *eternal* as applied to our salvation carries with it the promise of a never changing position and condition into which the believer comes through the grace and the power of Christ.

Now, this contention is supported throughout the Word of God. Numerous passages reveal that the promise of life to the believer is eternal life, an uninterrupted spiritual experience that starts with being "born from above" and continues into the ages of eternity to come—never to cease. Admittedly, there are case histories of people who *seemingly* have been saved and have been serving the Lord. Then all of a sudden for some reason or another they fall by the wayside, and we say they have lost their salvation. But, were they ever really saved? Only God knows for sure! "God looketh upon the heart" and He alone knows the actual spiritual condition there. We look on the outside and see what seems to be good (or bad), but our judgment is limited to *what we perceive,* not *what God knows.* We could be wrong! No doctrine of the Bible can be interpreted in terms of known case histories. The Word says thus and so, and we accept God's promise over and above the seeming discrepancies among His followers. Further, the final chapter in the life of a fallen saint is not yet told. "For this reason some are sick, and some even sleep," says Paul. For what reason? Simply that the redeemed are not holy and

God chastises them accordingly, even unto death.

Our salvation, purchased at such great cost (John 3:16; Rom. 6:23; Eph. 2:8-10; I Pet. 2:24) is not to be taken away for trivialities. The same Lord who saved us by removing the guilt of sin (salvation) can keep us by removing the stains of sin (cleansing) (see I John 1:9). He who saves can also keep. He has promised to so do, and so He will. When someone comes along and says this is license to sin, he indicates that he obviously is not right with God in his heart. His is a mere profession of salvation and not a genuine possession. The truly redeemed one does not have a desire to continue in transgressions, but is only happy when he walks "in newness of life" daily before the Lord. He may fall into sin, but he surely does not stay in that fallen position. Christ saves us and then the Holy Spirit indwells us so that we persevere in the righteousness which He has imputed within our hearts and lives. It is a divine procedure for which the Godhead is responsible and they, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, cannot fail.

The problem passages which may bring forth to disprove the doctrine of assurance, must all be interpreted in the light of the general teaching of the Bible. Because the Holy Spirit wrote the Word, the Word is in agreement throughout. Therefore, we will not find eternal life promised in one place and the possibility of conditional life somewhere else. For example, I Corinthians 9:27 is pointed out. They say that Paul was afraid of losing his salvation by becoming a "castaway." But he was not speaking of redemption, he was indicating that he wanted to be diligent lest he shall fall from worthiness for his calling, the preaching of the Word. Again Galatians 5:4 is read with the intent of proving a saved man can be lost. Here again, Paul was speaking of the efforts on the part of the Galatians to save themselves by their works in addition to God's grace, and such is not the will of God. The problematical passage of Hebrews 3:6 is dealing with confidence in Christ, not salvation. And in the very stern words of Hebrews 6 there is not the thought of one having his saving faith and then losing it—no faith is mentioned in that passage at all. These had but a head knowledge of the Word, and had never once received the Christ into their hearts by faith.

Those who question assurance forget that we are saved, not by being good, but by receiving Christ. Neither are we lost by being bad. A man is only lost when he denies Christ as Saviour. And, there is provision graciously made in the Word for the doubting, the fallen, and the weak saints who would seem to be "saved today, lost tomorrow, saved again, and so on." The first essential of security is to be sure of having received the new birth. We can "know that we have passed from death unto life" (I John 3:14).

"Suppose it were true that a person once saved could be lost again. Suppose such a lost person, now saved, then lost again, never got saved the second time. In what sense then was he saved? Was he saved from the *penalty* of sin? No, for he did not escape the lake of fire. Was he saved from the *power* of sin? *No,* for he fell back into sin and died a lost man. And most assuredly he was not saved from the *presence* of sin. None this side of heaven have been saved from that. Then from what was he saved? The answer is *nothing!* He may have *thought* he was saved. He may have *felt* he was saved. He may have *acted as though* he was saved, but in the final analysis he was saved from nothing. Salvation, to be anything more than a mere term must be everlasting. No one is saved until he is eternally saved" (Brooks). *"He that believeth on the Son"*—that's what we do; *"hath"*—that's when you get it; *"everlasting life"*—that's how long it lasts.

"My love is ofttimes low, My joy still ebbs and flows,
But peace with Him remains the same—No change Jehovah knows.
I change, He changes not, My Christ can never die;
His love, not mine, the resting place, His truth, not mine, the tie."

May the joyful assurance of possessing this great salvation be yours now!

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Youth Page

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NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT COMPETITION

Every year the Brethren Youth Council sponsors a program of competition among the churches in our fellowship called National Achievement Competition. One of the main functions of this program is to encourage young people to invest their talents for the Lord. Another motive behind NAC is to get our young people into the Word of God. This is accomplished through Bible quizzing. Quiz teams from local churches compete against each other in the districts. Then a winning team is selected from which three members come to comprise with three of the top scorers of the district, a district team. Then at our Brethren Youth Conference in the summer, the district quiz teams compete and a national championship team is chosen.

Last year's championship team was from the Indiana district. As a reward for their fine efforts, we send the young people each year to Puerto Rico to visit our Brethren mission work there. The picture on this page shows the members of the quiz team at work in Puerto Rico making gospel tracts to distribute among the people of that great island. They had a tremendous time for one week in Puerto Rico, and the reports that we received of their ministry and influence there were most encouraging.

Here is a testimony from one of the members of the team, now a freshman in Grace College, Dave Dombek:

"There is one thing that impressed me about Puerto Rico—the people. Perhaps their skin was a little different from mine, but apart from that they were just like the people next door to me. They have the same fears, hopes, joys, and sorrows as I, and they need the same Saviour. It was then that I learned the meaning of the axiom: "You'll never be a missionary on the foreign field unless you're one at home first." After all, why should I be concerned with people of culture, language, and nationality different from mine if I can't tell my own countrymen about Christ? My challenge from Puerto Rico was not to the Puerto Ricans mainly, but to win the Americans, my own people for Christ."



Indiana district quiz team hard at work stamping tracts for distribution in Puerto Rico. Left to right, they are: Dave Dombek, Evelyn Tschetter, Martha Tschetter, Lois Tschetter, Stan Baker, and with back to camera, Bill Kolb.

YOUTH EVANGELISM TEAM

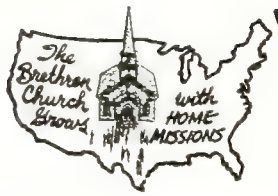
June 1 was the last meeting of the Youth Evangelism Team for this year. The Team will be traveling again next year, and meetings have been lined up into February of next year. This year has been one filled with many blessings, and God has certainly worked in many lives and hearts of our young people this year. Over 15,000 miles were traveled by the team throughout eight states. Over one hundred decisions were made this year for which we praise the Lord! It is our prayer that God will continue to perform that which has already been begun in many hearts and lives. We will appreciate your continued prayers.

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Editorials

By L. L. Grubb



Christian Schools Should Be Built by Christians

The three influences which exert the greatest molding power on our lives are the home, the school, and the church.

Through college age our children probably spend more time in the classroom than they do even at home or in the church. Therefore, the influence of our schools in the thinking and attitude of young people who will be tomorrow's leaders and will compose tomorrow's Brethren churches is great.

It is apparent that we are naive in expecting any fair and proportionate amount of Christian teaching along with the academics in the lower division of our public schools. Instead in many American schools the Bible is no longer read, nor is it honored as the Word of God. Often teachers who would complain about any Bible emphasis in their classroom take time to sow the seeds of unbelief in the minds and hearts of unsuspecting young people. In one school of my knowledge recently a teacher used an entire fifty-minute period in an effort to disprove the inspiration of the Scriptures.

There are about 2,000 institutions of higher learning in America today. It is estimated that at least half of these were founded by Bible-believing groups. Today less than one hundred are true to the Bible. Colleges and universities in America are graduating thousands of pagans who not only reject the Bible as the Word of God, but who openly attack it at every opportunity.

Therefore, it is crystal clear that if, on the average, our children are to enjoy secular education which is flavored with true Christian emphasis and be faced with basic spiritual issues early in life, Christian parents must move directly into the educational field. Unless they do this both the church and the home will be in grave danger.

It is encouraging and gratifying to see our churches starting Christian day schools and to have at least one Brethren High School in the United States of America at Paramount, California, supported by the First Brethren Church of Long Beach, California. May all of our Brethren churches be aroused to this need before it is too late.



Cover Photo—

HOME MISSION ISSUE

Responsibility—a dedicated Sunday-school teacher in the midst of a nursery class of growing children. This is symbolic of a dedicated building (opposite page) in the midst of hundreds of families needing Christ in a rapidly growing community.

Our schools of higher education, Grace College and Seminary, are growing and experiencing the blessing of the Lord. A quick look at the campus in Winona Lake, Indiana, will reveal assets in excess of one-million dollars.

All of this has been accomplished by the united prayers and gifts of the children of God.

Federal aid is not necessary nor is it desirable for the development of Christian educational processes. Government control is extending into most areas of our lives. There is enough of this in education now without further encouraging it. Firmer control will certainly increase along with larger aid.

Christians should be placing more of their resources into Christian education. This is the only way to meet the need. Through prayer, giving, loaning of money for building construction, and in many different ways this may be done.

The new dormitory for Grace College, our own arts college at Winona Lake, Indiana, is a case in point. In a small denomination it is impossible to gather $600,000 in gifts in a short time. Other boards and interests have large needs for gifts as well. But, it is possible for Christians to loan money to the Brethren Investment Foundation designated for use in the building of a dorm at Winona. Other buildings have been constructed without government help. Already approximately $210,000 of this money is available, the greater portion of it loaned through the Brethren Investment Foundation. An additional $90,000 is needed by September 1, 1962. The balance will be needed as the construction continues. Our students need these new living quarters now. We need a cafeteria and other facilities which are virtually indispensable in any college plant.

If just ninety of our Brethren people would loan $1,000 to the Foundation, our need until September 1, 1962 would be met. If 600 people would loan $1,000, or 1,200 people would loan $500 each, the entire dormitory structure for both girls and boys could be completed.

The security for your money is excellent. The interest rate is high! Up to $499 you are paid 4 percent. From $500 and up you are paid 5 percent. In addition, as has been witnessed by so many who have loaned money to the Brethren Investment Foundation, you receive an extra dividend in blessing from the Lord. Your principal worth, as well as your gifts, belongs to God.

Christian parents should realize that this is absolutely essential in protecting their children from the attacks of unbelief. Nobody but Christians can build Christian schools.

Write the Brethren Investment Foundation, Box 587, Winona Lake, Indiana for full particulars.

New Church Dedicated at Rialto, California

Brethren church pioneers have done it again!

Sunday, May 20, 1962, was a day of mutual victory as the new Rialto Brethren Church building was filled with rejoicing saints who dedicated this new structure to our Lord Jesus Christ.

The present pastor, Rev. Gerald Polman and his family, the previous and first pastor, Rev. Arthur Carey and his family, the former pastor of the San Bernardino Church, Rev. Lyle Marvin and the members of that church, the southern California District Mission Board and churches, and the Brethren Home Missions Council, have provided a vivid and practical illustration of what can be done when *all* of the forces for church extension in our fellowship work *together* on a project.

Located in an area where new residences are constantly under construction, the Rialto church has filled to overflowing its former quarters and already is largely using the space provided in the new $33,000 first unit of the new plant. With 150 and more in Sunday school and a large number of these in the worship services, the need for future building expansion is already apparent.



Dr. L. L. Grubb, dedication speaker

The Brethren Home Missions Council congratulates the Rialto Brethren in this time of success and victory.

For the last three consecutive months (March, April, and May) a new Home Mission Church has been dedicated. This is a pace that should be continued in our National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. This is definitely within our potential *now*. The new building programs needed within this year would provide the opportunities for a "monthly dedication" record.

Yes; Brethren church pioneers have done it again—and will have to continue doing it again and again.

"LIKE THEM THAT DREAM"

By Rev. Gerald Polman

Pastor, Rialto Brethren Church

The three original families of the Rialto Brethren Church must certainly have said with the psalmist ". . . we were like them that dream" (Ps. 126:1).

The dream began to unfold when Mother and Father Eckstein and the families of their two daughters, the Ragers and the Bunns, made contact with Rev. Arthur Carey, then teaching at Brethren High, to come and hold Sunday services in Rialto.

A dance studio provided an unusual first meeting place for the little group on July 17, 1955. In order to give more time to the work, Mr. Carey moved his family to Rialto and found employment in the area.

The dream continued to unfold when property, strategically located in North Rialto, was secured in August 1956. One of its three houses and garages was converted into a small white chapel, seating sixty to seventy people in close quarters. Another dwelling was converted into Sunday-school classrooms. A garage was transformed into a nursery class.



And the people, especially the children, came—not because of any fine buildings, but because of the missionary spirit and Christian love of the families who made up Rialto Brethren.

The Sunday-school bus became a familiar sight in the neighborhood on Sunday mornings. The third house was taken over for needed Sunday-school facilities. This was made possible by the financial help of the District Mission Board.

Later the Home Missions Council was called upon, and in January 1959, Rev. Gerald Polman was called as the first full-time pastor. The immediate desire of people and Home Missions Council was the construction of more adequate meeting facilities. The dream seemed about to be realized.

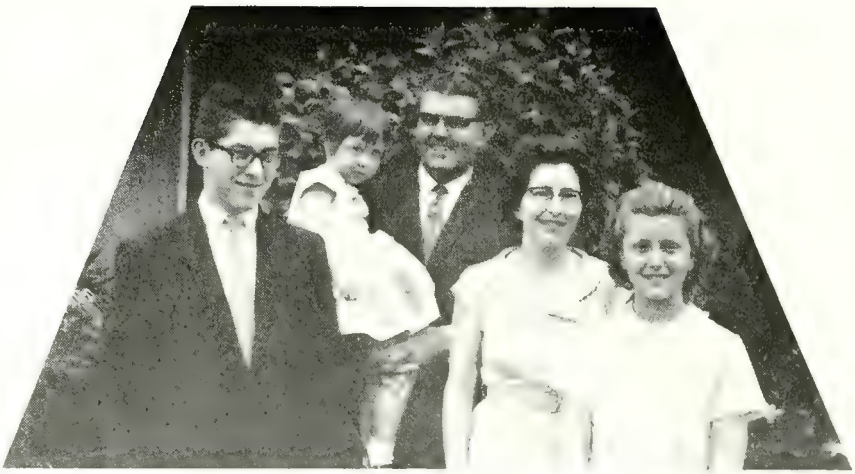
An architect was secured and after much careful study of the neighborhood and property, a workable plot and building plan was presented to the congregation. A Fellowship Hall was unit number one. Succeeding units in the overall plan include two more Sunday-school classroom units and a sanctuary, all built around an outside patio.

One important job remained before the fulfillment of the dream might begin. Investment funds must be secured. To a congregation of young families this seemed a formidable job. But God is able. A family in the East made the first large investment for Rialto. Others, large and small, followed.

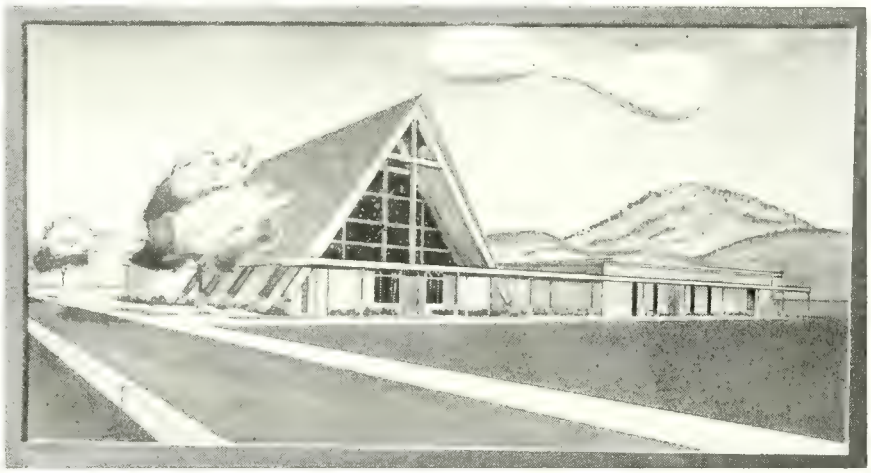
In the fall of '61, as verse 2 of Psalm 126 says: "Our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing." Ground-breaking was held October 8, 1961. But all was not to proceed without difficulty. When the bids were received, all came back $15,000 or more above the amount we had set for our first unit. God had another contractor who offered to help us cut down on many items to meet the proposed budget, and work begun the last of December 1961.

"Unusual" California weather held back the work, but three and one-half months after construction was begun, we were able to move into the new auditorium of the fellowship hall.

The building is typical of California construction—stucco, flat roof, and large outside porches on each side (to keep the summer sun off the walls). The inside includes in addition to the auditorium, a kitchen, two restrooms, large nursery class room, baptistry, and furnace room.



Gerald Polman family



Architect's sketch of completed Rialto Brethren Church

On Dedication Day, May 20, 1962, we could truly finish the verse, and say: "The Lord hath done great things for [them]."

In the morning worship, Dr. Glenn O'Neal, California District Secretary, challenged the congregation to pioneer for Christ—to keep the pioneer spirit which marked our beginnings.

In the afternoon Dedicatory Service, a near capacity crowd (160) of visiting pastors, friends, and members gathered to hear Dr. Grubb speak on "God, the Great Architect." The choir of our sister church in Cherry Valley sang as did the North Long Beach Brethren Male Quartet.

Climax to a great day came with the 6:30 vesper hour. The North Long Beach Brethren Male Quartet was featured, and Rev. Leo Polman, father of Pastor Gerald Polman, spoke.

But our dream goes on, and so must we. We envision a self-supporting church in Rialto. We see the new sanctuary, adequate Sunday-school facilities, and a host of those saved through the Brethren testimony in this place.



Cradle Roll department

A "Photo Copy" of the Rialto Sunday School









Top down: Kindergarten, primary, junior, and junior high through the adult d[illegible]







Toppenish Breaks Turf



Top down: Church parsonage, Rev. and Mrs. Don Farner, the building committee, and the Toppenish congregation.

Sunday, April 15, 1962, the Grace Brethren Church, Toppenish, Washington, gathered on the location for the service of breaking ground. Area pastors Leslie Moore and Carl Miller were present and Brother Miller brought the message for the occasion. Mr. Melvin Curfman, the building committee chairman, was given the honor of breaking the turf by being first at the handle of the shovel. Then others joined in the "earth moving" ceremony.

The following Thursday the mechanized equipment arrived and the "earth moving" took on greater proportions. Mr. Howard Berger, son of the former owners of the property, donated the equipment and furnished the fuel for all the excavating.

Mr. Lester Keyser who worked with the Brethren Construction Crew a number of years, will be working with the pastor, Don Farner, in constructing the new church building. The estimates for the work are all in, and it appears the total cost will be less than $30,000.

The church officially organized in October of 1957 has been meeting in the parsonage located on a two acre tract that will be the location for the new edifice. During this time the group has increased in membership from twenty-one to forty-six.

The Northwest District Mission Board has been assisting the Toppenish Church and, with the help of the Brethren Home Missions Council, a full-time ministry has been made possible and also the beginning of the new building program.



Mr. and Mrs. Lester Keyser

ISRAEL CALLS!

Judaism's Gentile Missions

By Bruce L. Button

(Part one of a two part series.)

"Let all the nations be gathered together, and let the people be assembled: who among them can declare this, and shew us former things? let them bring forth their witnesses, that they may be justified: or let them hear, and say, It is truth. Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour" (Isa. 43:9-11).

While this portion of God's Word was not solely written to encourage Israel to testify to the gentile nations of the greatness and goodness of the Lord; nevertheless this idea is contained therein. The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob has always desired the people of Israel to be a real witness of the unity of God and of God's ability to affect the salvation of lost mankind. They were instructed to be witnesses, and the obligation of a witness is never fulfilled until he has voluntarily told forth that which he knows to be truth. With the exception of writers of the Word of God, the prophets, the people of Israel in the past have never been voluntary witnesses concerning the gracious God of heaven. They have, in a *passive* way, witnessed of God, but never as a people have they attempted to follow God's desire and be a voluntary, vocal witness and to engage in a "missionary" effort. In no sense can Israel ever make the claim that she, through Judaism, is responsible for the dissemination of the Holy Scripture throughout the world. With the exception of those Jewish people who first believed in the claims of the Lord Jesus Christ, the physical descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob have utterly failed the God of their fathers when it comes to witnessing.

There is at the present time, however, a movement in Judaism which operates under the title of The Jewish Information Society, and is located at 127 North Dearborn Street, Chicago 2, Illinois. It has been organized to distribute free information about the Jewish religion; to take Judaism out of its self-imposed obscurity and place it before all who inquire—the Jew and gentile alike—the genuine facts about this faith. The organization of such a movement by a group of recognized Jewish leaders is a direct admission by these Jewish authorities that Israel, at least the religious segment of Israel, has failed the God of heaven, and that the demands of God as laid down by Isaiah in chapter 43, verses 9-12 have in part been ignored in the past.

Recently it was my privilege to attend a debate on this very movement. It was held in one of the larger Jewish Temples in the San Fernando Valley. The debate was concerned with whether or not Judaism should become a "missionary" religion; whether or not she should attempt to gain converts. Rabbi Ralph Simon, of Chicago, Illinois, spoke in the affirmative. Rabbi Leon Rosenberg defended the negative position, which is that subscribed to by most Jews at the present time; that is, there should be no attempt of conversion on the part of Judaism.

Rabbi Simon set forth his position on two arguments (neither of them based on Holy Scripture). One, the Jewish attitude toward the world; and two, the Jewish attitude toward Judaism. Rabbi Simon maintained the present Jewish attitude toward the world was wrong. He said that the present-day Jew feels it is impossible for a gentile to become a Jew. (Apparently the rabbi is of the opinion a person's "Jewishness" is based on his belief in Judaism). Jews, he said, believe you must be born a Jew in order to be a Jew. Rabbi Simon stated this attitude on the part of the Jew was derived from the fact that European governments never would permit the Jew to proselite. And this position of the governments stemmed from the fourth century when Christianity began to be proclaimed the state religion of European countries. He pointed out that much of the time proseliting Jews were regarded as criminals and their proseliting penalty was extended to include the gentile proselite. He cited the case of a Polish nobleman who was, upon conversion to Judaism, burned at the stake.

Rabbi Simon then pointed out this Jewish attitude toward the world was no longer justified. Mankind, he claimed, was more broadminded and would never again kill or punish because of religious belief. And this, he felt, was particularly true of the United States. He maintained the Jews of Hitler's Germany were not persecuted for their religious beliefs, but rather the fact that they were Jewish people. In other words, our world had reached a point where Judaism could safely attempt missionary effort among the peoples of the earth. He told of converts gained from various minority groups and from the ranks of the celebrities, such as Elizabeth Taylor. Rabbi Simon held that Talmudic teaching encouraged proseliting. It spelled out the regular proceedings of receiving gentiles into Judaism. It was in this area that Rabbi Simon displayed a confusion, which he was apparently unaware of in that he was of the opinion that it is belief in Judaism which made a person a Jew. He as much as said so when I spoke to him of this after the meeting, and was not able to reconcile this position with his statement relative to the Jewish persecution in Hitler's Germany.

Rabbi Simon closed his remarks by stating that Judaism never has taught that heaven is a special province of the Jews. He stated that many gentiles would gain heaven outside of the realm of Judaism. If the gentile was to adhere to the seven blessings of Noah; that is, live according to God's instructions to Noah, he would gain heaven. But the Rabbi held that it was the duty of Jews to be missionaries by telling the world the story [illegible] of

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January 1, 1961 to December 31, 1961

	1959	1960	1961
Albuquerque, N. Mex.	7.00	5.00	
Akron, Ohio (First)	123.28	114.98	**11.00**
Akron, Ohio (Fairlawn)	54.00	113.50	**30.00**
Albany, Oreg.	11.00	15.05	**12.00**
Aleppo, Pa.	31.50	4.00	**34.50**
Alexandria, Va.	64.15	206.47	**98.25**
Allentown, Pa.	26.98	76.28	**70.05**
Alto, Mich.	22.00	17.20	
Altoona, Pa. (First)	213.95	134.75	**219.25**
Altoona, Pa. (Grace)		25.50	**36.30**
Anaheim, Calif.			**5.00**
Ankenytown, Ohio	58.00	82.50	**58.00**
Artesia, Calif.	12.30	23.64	**24.00**
Ashland, Ohio	27.00	262.00	**250.00**
Barbee Lake, Ind.		1.00	**10.00**
Barberton, Ohio		7.00	**6.00**
Beaumont, Calif.	176.00	166.00	**123.00**
Beaver City, Nebr.	5.00	10.00	**5.00**
Bell, Calif.	12.00	7.50	**12.50**
Bellflower, Calif.	42.00		**52.00**
Berne, Ind.	128.00	132.50	**106.00**
Berrien Springs, Mich.	15.50		
Buena Vista, Va.	243.10	115.60	**251.70**
Camden, Ohio	10.50	21.00	**21.00**
Canton, Ohio	101.50	171.25	**166.00**
Cedar Rapids, Iowa	22.00		**10.00**
Cheyenne, Wyo.	100.00		**100.00**
Chico, Calif.	8.00	5.00	**17.50**
Clay City, Ind.		10.00	**26.00**
Clayhole, Ky.	42.22		**47.80**
Clayton, Ohio	97.94	112.00	**126.00**
Cleveland, Ohio	27.00	58.10	**18.63**
Compton, Calif.	117.86	147.55	**48.02**
Conemaugh, Pa. (Pike)	35.00	20.00	**50.76**
Conemaugh, Pa. (Singer Hill)	5.00	5.00	**10.00**
Covington, Ohio		5.00	
Covington, Va.	54.50	138.00	**113.75**
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio	263.04	178.50	**230.45**
Dallas Center, Iowa	56.00	265.00	**212.00**
Danville, Ohio	25.00	22.00	**11.00**
Davenport, Iowa			**29.00**
Dayton, Ohio (First)	212.25	429.10	**467.50**
Dayton, Ohio (Grace)		7.00	**2.00**
Dayton, Ohio (North Riverdale)	199.50	305.00	**90.00**
Dayton, Ohio (Patterson Park)	29.50		
Denver, Colo.	13.15	35.76	
Elkhart, Ind.		65.00	**42.00**
Elyria, Ohio		10.00	
Englewood, Ohio	416.93	535.53	**267.92**
Everett, Pa.		2.00	**28.88**
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Findlay, Ohio	78.50		**139.50**
Flora, Ind.	91.00	31.00	**48.00**
Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	325.25	430.95	**442.10**
Fort Wayne, Ind. (First)	956.10	819.74	**842.55**
Fort Wayne, Ind. (Grace)	79.95	51.40	**54.39**
Fremont, Ohio	309.86	250.67	**437.73**
Fremont, Ohio (Chapel)			
Galion, Ohio			
Gardena, Calif.			
Garwin, Iowa			
Glendale, Calif.			
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Grandview, Wash.			
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Lancaster, Pa.			
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Palmyra, Pa.			
Paramount, Calif.			
Parkersburg, W. Va.			
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Philadelphia, Pa. (Third)			
Phoenix, Ariz.			
Pompano Beach, Fla.			

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30.80	55.65	**126.10**
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	21.39	**23.15**
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211.95	104.89	**244.02**
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18.50	42.25	**43.50**
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71.00	93.00	**66.00**
	27.25	**7.00**

	1959	1960	1961
Portis, Kans.	42.00	60.50	**66.50**
Portland, Oreg.	22.25		**14.00**
Puerto Rico		5.00	**5.00**
Radford, Va.		15.00	
Rialto, Calif.	87.97	67.53	**53.25**
Riner, Va.	8.00		
Rittman, Ohio	283.00	289.50	**314.00**
Roanoke, Va. (Clearbrook)	110.50	126.00	**142.75**
Roanoke, Va. (Garden City)		5.00	
Roanoke, Va., (Ghent)	111.75	261.50	**195.25**
Roanoke, Va. (Washington Hgts.)	67.90	103.55	**64.00**
Sacramento, Calif.			**10.00**
San Bernardino, Calif.		7.00	
San Diego, Calif.	29.69	5.00	
San Jose, Calif.		5.00	**17.45**
Seal Beach, Calif.		5.00	**5.00**
Seattle, Wash.	27.83		**5.00**
Sidney, Ind.	155.00	140.50	**77.05**
South Bend, Ind.	122.75	60.60	**66.16**
South Gate, Calif.		40.00	**252.95**
South Pasadena, Calif.		24.67	**41.50**
Spokane, Wash.	133.60	62.25	**5.00**
Sterling, Ohio	40.00	35.00	**31.00**
Stoystown, Pa. (Reading)	26.39	16.45	**36.70**
Sunnyside, Wash.	135.82	241.00	**301.50**
Taos, N. Mex.	49.08	51.58	**73.89**
Temple City, Calif.	51.00	43.35	**32.00**
Toppenish, Wash.	4.00	4.50	**19.00**
Tracy, Calif.	16.00	5.00	
Trotwood, Ohio	46.00	13.00	**12.00**
Troy, Ohio	11.12	22.50	
Uniontown, Pa.	177.21	159.57	**251.56**
Vandalia, Ohio			**43.00**
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Warsaw, Ind.	72.00	106.45	**85.60**
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Winchester, Va.	50.31	51.50	**415.20**
Winona, Minn.	5.00		**2.00**
Winona Lake, Ind.	864.46	1,149.24	**968.26**
Wooster, Ohio	117.12	29.00	**342.25**
Yakima, Wash.			**17.66**
York, Pa.	48.20		**126.25**
	13,044.71	15,548.16	**17,715.42**
Michigan Fellowship of Brethren Churches			**10.00**
Northern Atlantic Fellowship of Brethren Churches		25.00	
National Fellowship of Brethren Laymen	50.00	25.00	25.00
National WMC		564.58	
Navajo Mission			
Isolated, Non-Brethren, etc.	138.28	111.00	
Total	188.28		303.11
Total of churches	13,044.71		17,715.42
Grand Total	13,232.99	16,274.24	**18,018.53**

Evangelist Evaluates Kentucky Missions

BY REV. HERMAN H. HEIN, JR.

Pastor, Grace Brethren Church, Troy, Ohio

I have just returned from a two week evangelistic meeting in Clayhole, Kentucky, and it thrilled my heart so much that I want to share it with you. I want to challenge everyone to pray for, and visit, this great missionary endeavor. Here in Clayhole are multitudes of grade schoolchildren and young people, to say nothing of all the adults, who need spiritual training. The Clayhole and Dryhill testimonies offer this training. There is very little for young people to do, so they flock to the church for fellowship and recreation. Many of them walk three miles or more to attend services. Down from the valleys they come to hear the Word of God. Many evenings we had over 125 in attendance, and over one hundred of them would be young people, mostly teen-agers. These fine, healthy, strong, attractive young people are full of vigor and interest. They listened well to the Word of God, which resulted in twenty of them rededicating their lives, and sixteen of them making public decisions of their acceptance of Christ as Saviour and Lord. What will happen to them? They will receive special training as new Christians. They will complete high school, and then many of them will go on to the big cities for lifetime jobs. A few will remain in the valley.

What is the value of all this labor to have them leave when they are old enough to be used in the church and help support it? I see a true missionary church in every respect that is being used to prepare lives for the glory of Christ, and for our Saviour's use in other churches of our country. These Kentucky Brethren churches are preparatory churches, and feeder churches. Some of our finest members in other churches are those who began their training in Clayhole, and Dryhill, Kentucky. These people are intelligent and teachable, and I see great possibilities in the privilege of glorifying our Lord in this preparatory work of missions.

While in Clayhole I was invited to speak in a public grade school of 350 children from the first through the eighth grades. The service opened with some choruses and prayer. They all knew the choruses and sang with gusto. When the Word was preached, they listened with interest. It was no new thing to them. The Bible is an open Book to the people of this part of Kentucky. There is real opportunity here for these young people to finish high school, complete their training at Grace College, and then return to their own people to teach them both secular and spiritual truths. Lives are being, and can continue to be, molded for the glory of God in this part of the country in public schools. We need to continue to buy up this opportunity in building up our testimony in this part of the country.

We, as The Brethren Church, have the great privilege of sharing in this home missions endeavor. It is just as romantic as any other mission work any place in the world. The need is great, the work is hard, but the results are always the same . . . souls saved for the kingdom of God.

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Home Mission Field Reports

DAYTON, OHIO (Everett Caes, pastor). We praise the Lord for our Sunday school growth in which four of the last five Sundays we have doubled over last year.

DENVER, COLO. (Tom Inman, pastor). The Golden Bible Class has now been changed to the Northwest Grace Brethren Church of Arvada, Colorado. The first Sunday service was held on May 6, 1962. This service is held in the afternoon, a change from the week night class.

ELYRIA, OHIO (Galen Lingenfelter, pastor). Last Sunday we concluded a revival crusade with Rev. Bill Smith during which six souls were saved and many rededications by Christians. Our attendance has been averaging higher than the previous year.

HAGERSTOWN, MD. (William Howard, pastor). On Thursday night, May 24, lightning struck the new Grace Brethren Church just dedicated on March 11, 1962. It damaged the roof near the steeple, split some of the roof decking; splintered one laminated truss and burned out some of the electrical system. The building was insured and the extent in dollars has not been determined at this time.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. (Bruce L. Button, missionary). I plan to start on my itineration work about June 15. This year I will be covering the churches in the Northern California, Pacific Northwest, Midwest districts, and a few churches in Ohio and Indiana not visited on the scheduled trips of previous years. The itineration trip will include National Conference at Winona Lake, Indiana.

TAOS, N. MEX. (Sam Horney, missionary). On Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, May 24, 1962, the Canon Kindergarten Class held its first graduation service in the Brethren Community Youth Building. Ten students received their diplomas, representing the high school class of "1975." Mrs. Helen Maestas is the teacher, assisted by Mrs. Sam I. Horney as the music director. Among the graduates was Gilbert Horney, son of Rev. and Mrs. Sam I. Horney.

ISRAEL CALLS

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Judaism to all the world. From such action, two by-products would be realized: one, gentiles would become converted to Judaism; and two, the world would come to know the true Jew.

As the rabbi sat down I could not help but comment to Mrs. Button: "Here is a man who is convinced other men can arrive at the same destination as he is headed by a far easier route than he is traveling. Yet he wants to help these men get there by the more difficult route. How inconsistent can you get."

"With such reasoning," she replied, "it is easier to see why it is so difficult for a Jew to recognize Messiah."

(The final part of this article will appear in the July issue of the Home Missions number of the *Brethren Missionary Herald*. It will contain the position of Rabbi Leon Rosenberg toward Judaism's place in a missionary effort. It will also contain the reaction of this author, as well as his comments on the position of both rabbis.)

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Newsmakers

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PARKERSBURG, W. VA. The new officers for the Allegheny Fellowship of Brethren Churches are: Mod., True Hunt; V. Mod. Kenneth Wilt; Secy., Carl Lunden; Asst. Secy., Mrs. John Hottle; Treas., C. J. Larmon; Stat., Russell Konves; Members at Large, W. Wayne Baker, Leonard Bennett; Com. on Com., James Kimmell, William Snell, True Hunt.

WINONA LAKE, IND. At the Grace Seminary and College commencement exercises, May 31, the Rev. Harold H. Etling, director of



Dr. Harold H. Etling

The Brethren National Sunday School Board, was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA. "Typhoon Lillian" Dickson, a missionary to Formosa for 35 years, was guest speaker at Grace Brethren Church, Ralph Colburn, pastor, May 27. The Miami Bible Institute Chorale presented an evening of music and inspiration May 13.

FREMONT, OHIO. A senior reception for 70 persons was sponsored by the Grace Brethren Church, Tom Hammers, pastor, June 1. The Youth Evangelism Team from Winona Lake, Ind., presented a challenge in music and message.

DAYTON, OHIO. A Hebrew Christian Alliance Conference was held at the North Riverdale Brethren Church, June 9 and 10. The speakers were: Dr. Arthur Kac, Dr. A. B. Machlin, Dr. Nathan Stone, Dr. Aaron J. Kligerman and Dr. Arthur Glass. Russell M. Ward was host pastor.

CONEMAUGH, PA. Don Rager, formerly a lay preacher from the Riverside Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa., and recently licensed by the East Fellowship of Brethren Churches, accepted the unanimous call to become pastor of the Conemaugh Brethren Church.

FORT WAYNE, IND. Drs. Edward and Frances Simpson were the guest speakers at the Sunday School Worker's Conference at First Brethren Church, June 5. A graduate's banquet featured Bob Davenport, former all-American halfback, June 9 at a local restaurant. The theme of the banquet was "Rocket to the Future."

PHILADELPHIA, PA. Robert Griffith has accepted a call to become pastor of the First Brethren Church here. His first service will be June 24.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Rev. and Mrs. Robert Griffith, 822 Knorr St., Philadelphia 11, Pa. Rev. and Mrs. Max Fluke, 721 Freedom Ave., Johnstown, Pa. Rev. and Mrs. Edward Miller, 221 Cloverdale Ave., Modesto, Calif.

FALLBROOK, CALIF. Rev. and Mrs. Leo Polman, represent the Brethren Financial Planning Service, which is a new venture in our denomination to help our Brethren people make wills, annuities, memorials, real estate deeds, trusts, special gifts, bequests, or investments. This planning service is being sponsored by the Brethren Foreign Missionary Society, Grace Seminary and College, and Brethren Home Missions Council. The Polmans will be available for stewardship conferences in our churches after National Conference. For further information write to: Rev. and Mrs. Leo Polman, 202 Ammunition Rd., Fallbrook, Calif.

BEAUMONT, CALIF. Rev. James McClellan, superintendent of our Brethren Navajo Mission, Cuba, N. Mex., was the guest speaker at Cherry Valley Brethren Church May 27, while on vacation from the mission.

COVINGTON, VA.

The Grace Brethren Church, Rev. Mason Cooper, pastor, recently completed a revival campaign with Evangelist Bob Collitt. Highlighting the final day of the campaign was a drive to see if the Sunday-school attendance could match or exceed in numbers the number of pounds which the evangelist weighed. Sunday-school superintendent Earl Key agreed to donate to the church's present new building program one dollar per pound if the attendance goal was reached. Sunday morning saw 277 eager Sunday-school pupils on hand, including a goodly number of prospects who were brought in by the contest. Since 277 considerably surpassed the weight of Mr. Collitt, a check was presented to the building fund by the superintendent in the name of the young lady who was responsible for inviting the most new people.

God blessed throughout the Revival Campaign and the Grace Brethren Church and the Brethren construction crew are looking forward to the new air-conditioned building to be completed next fall.

ENDS EARTHLY PILGRIMAGE

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

VNASDALE, Mrs. Donald (Mildred) departed to be with Christ Apr. 22 following major surgery. Mrs. Vnasdale's daughter, Mrs. George Johnson, is one of our Brethren missionaries in Brazil.

R. Paul Miller, Jr., pastor

JACKSON, Henry, went to be with the Lord May 28. He was a member of the First Brethren Church, Rittman, Ohio.

Charles Turner, pastor

BRUMBAUGH, Dan, 73, passed away to be with the Lord May 24. He was a member of the First Brethren Church, Portis, Kans., for 53 years. He served on the deacon board of the church for 35 years.

—H. H. Stewart, pastor

ELIJAH . .

THE SHORT-CUT MAN

Once in a town called Tisbeh there came the stern voice of a prophet called Elijah. For reasons which will appear hereafter, we shall call him "the short-cut man." Perhaps he is the prototype of the modern efficiency-expert. Certainly the corner-cutting, cost-shaving executive mind can take a lesson from Elijah's procedures.

Elijah the Tishbite appears suddenly on the scene with a water-conservation scheme. Elijah conserved water until, apparently, his efficiency became so complete, so effective, that the Lord had to tell him where to go in order that he, Elijah, could find water to drink (I Kings 17).

In the short span of three and a half years he became nationally known.

But, before that happened with the help of the Lord he turned this efficiency in a different direction. A handful of meal at the bottom of a barrel, plus a little oil in a cruse, was made to provide food for at least three people for quite a long time. Efficiency produces results when the Lord is in it.

It was still with such divine help that Elijah took on his next efficiency job. Alone except for God he confronted four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel. This time "fire" was the production objective. With the Lord enabling, not only were the competitors outproduced, but it seems also that for the time being Baalism became a "non-prophet" organization.

Of course, it never fails that with such a record one will make enemies. Elijah was no exception. In spite of the fact that with the help of God, the water-conservation program ended with a water abundance (I Kings 18), royal displeasure forced Elijah's temporary retirement from public life. He seems to have taken up residence in a secluded suburb known as Mount Horeb. How long he kept his whereabouts secret is not stated, but he must have had time to begin his memoirs. A superb statement he had made on Mount Carmel seems to have impressed even the speaker! Perhaps it is the epitome of his many claims to efficiency. To King Ahab and the assembled multitude, including those four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal, Elijah had cried: "I, even I, only, remain a prophet of the Lord!"

Now, in his hideaway on Mount Horeb, he quotes himself as an authority to none less than the Lord God himself. Lest his statement be overlooked, Elijah takes pains to repeat it to God, even after the phenomena which the Lord sent to awaken him to sanity. A great, strong wind rent the mountains, and brake the rocks in pieces! An earthquake followed, then fire! Climaxing all this, in a still small voice there came again the Word of the Lord: "What doest thou here, Elijah?" Then it is that Elijah repeats again his self-appreciative statement: "I, only I, am left."



By Rev. J. C. McKillen

Pastor, Silverbell Community
Grace Brethren Church
Tucson, Arizona

As with some other preachers when they begin to complain, God said to him, "Go!" Even more appalling, God punctured Elijah's self-esteem with the corrective statement: "Yet have I left me seven thousand in Israel . . . not bowed to Baal."

But God was in no way done with His efficiency expert. In concise enough terms to be a military commander, He ordered Elijah (1) to anoint Hazael to be king over Syria; (2) to anoint Jehu to be king over Israel; (3) to anoint Elisha to be prophet in his place! And, here is where Elijah carries his efficiency too far. Entirely without the sanction of God, Elijah took a short-cut around the first two commands, He ignored them. Perhaps, in his efficient mind, he feels "Why should I bother with items one and two, when, simply by doing item three, I can delegate one and two to Elisha, my subordinate?" We do not know his thoughts. We do know that Elijah never carried out the first two orders.

Some ten years later, God, in a whirlwind, carried His prophet away into the heavens. It is a highly questionable inference that this was Elijah's moment of supreme glory. We note in the text that Elijah shows considerable reluctance to have Elisha present for his departure. We note that elsewhere in the Scripture, the appearance of God with a whirlwind is always associated with His indignation and displeasure. Most of all, we note that after this ten-year lapse, it is Elisha who carries out the two unobeyed commands given to Elijah.

Hazael left the presence of Elisha to assassinate his convalescing king. Jehu, similarly, enters upon a campaign of violence. It is legitimate to wonder if Elijah had done as he was told in God's time and sequence, that the transition in rulers may not have come more peaceably?

God expects us to obey His Word. In the rush and hurry of this life we must be careful not to be "short-cut" men. There is no way to please God but God's way. His directions are revealed in His Word. Let us follow them implicitly. These things were written for our admonition.

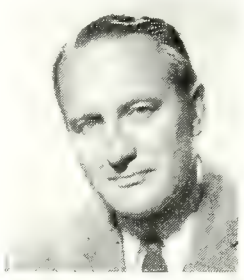
FIRST IN A SERIES

Crucifying Afresh

Claudius Caesar became emperor in Rome in A.D. 54. Through the earlier years of his reign he ruled under the very capable advice of Seneca, his teacher. However, in 59 A.D. he began his reign of terror in which his blood-thirsty nature was made manifest. Every type of felony known was committed by Claudius, whose name had now been changed to Nero, until he became known as the proverbial prodigy of monstrosities. Nero the fiend, took his own life at the age of thirty-two, thus bringing to an end the family of Julius Caesar and the Roman Empire, which became the possession of her conquerors.

Preceding the death of Nero, his persecution reached out into the uttermost part of the empire. It was during this epoch that Paul preached in such a manner that the very helm of Christianity was stirred into activity. Of greater import was his martyrdom, for it was this that united the forces of the gentile believers with those of the converted Jews. Christianity was not a historic faith as was Judaism. Therefore, when false accusations were told by Nero concerning the Christians, these were believed by the benighted multitude. Falsely infuriated, Nero's benighted multitude as a fevered mob started a persecution against the Christians which, according to Philip Schaff, was to become "The carnival of blood such as heathen Rome never saw before or since." Schaff continues by saying: "A vast multitude of Christians was put to death in the most shocking manner. Some were crucified, probably a mockery of the punishment of Christ, some sewed up in skins of wild beasts and exposed to the voracity of mad dogs in the arena." Such was the persecution that reached into all the provinces of Rome. It was undoubtedly in such a surrounding as that just described that the Book of Hebrews was written, for according to Hebrews 13:24 the epistle was sent from Italy. The writer of this epistle refers to a persecution in Hebrews 10:32 ff., and undoubtedly has reference to the bloody persecution which was propagated by Nero.

With all this in mind, one can readily see the problem that came to these young Hebrew Christians. Judaism was tolerated by the Roman government, but the followers of Christianity were persecuted on every hand. Even Ananias, the high priest, regarded Christians as transgressors of the law, and ordered them to be ostracized. This explains why many of these young Hebrew Christians became *sluggish* as they went through the transition from law to grace, and from Judaism to Christianity. But the writer of this epistle urges them to *go on to perfection,* and points out that the old shadows in Judaism have become realities in Christianity; that Jesus Christ was now the high priest, sitting at the right hand of God making intercession for those that are His. These Hebrews were but *babes in Christ* who needed spiritual help. For that reason, this epistle was addressed to them, and urged them to be persistent in Jesus Christ with full assurance unto the end.



By REV. ARNOLD R. KRIEGBAUM

Dean of Men, Grace College

"For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, and have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, if they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame" (Heb. 6:4-6).

One who has read these verses can readily see that no small problem confronts us. As we carefully consider and analyze this text, we conclude that it divides into two main problems: "First, are the individuals which are being discussed in the text regenerated individuals? Second, what is the experience which is described by the words "fall away?"

The Question of Salvation

Dispersed throughout the context are references which indicate that those addressed were regenerated individuals.

First, let us deal with the references preceding the text.

(1) "Ye are dull of hearing" (5:11). The Greek infers that they had become slow and sluggish in their hearing. It is with a degree of rebuke that the epistle admonished these Hebrew Christians, for they had literally become lazy. To exemplify their condition we cite: "That ye be not sluggish, but imitators of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises" (Heb. 6:12 in the ASV). According to II Corinthians 5:10-11 every believer must appear before the judgment seat of Christ to be rewarded for his works done as a servant of Christ (I Cor. 9:25; I Thess. 2:19; II Tim. 4:8; James 1:12; and I Pet. 5:4). What a pathetic picture is here presented to every believer, for in that day many shall stand before their Redeemer with no works to prove their love for His

grace. These Hebrews had become sluggish in all their activity, and as one commentator states: "Here the writer digresses to complain of the low spiritual attainments of the Palestinian Christians, and to warn them of the danger of falling from the light once enjoyed; at the same time encouraging them by God's faithfulness to persevere."

The Word of God is very clear that it is possible for an individual to be a child of God and yet not be *filled* with the Spirit because of sin. Sluggishness is sin. In Acts 4:31 we learn that the Christians of the Early Church were filled a second time. Also we should compare Ephesians 4:30 which reads, "And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption," with Ephesians 5:18, "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit." These Hebrew Christians were not growing in the Lord because they were not filled with the Spirit, and therefore could not hear His Word.

(2) "For the time ye ought to be teachers" (5:12). As the writer to the Hebrews considered the length of time that they had been Christians, he concluded that if there had been normal growth, they should now be teachers. Certainly the author would not have said this of individuals whom he considered as unregenerate. Without a doubt, the writer had in mind the same thoughts as recorded by Peter in I Peter 2:9 American Standard Version.

(3) "Such as have need of milk" (5:12). Our mind recalls the words of Paul when he addressed the church at Corinth and said: "And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying and strife, and visions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?" (I Cor. 3:1-3.) Note carefully that they were called babes in Christ, who needed milk in order that they might grow in things of Jesus Christ. The unregenerate individual must first be given life from above, and then he can be given the milk of the Word.

(4) "Unskilled in the word of righteousness" (5:13). "Inexperienced in the word of righteousness" (the ASV footnote). They were not without experience in righteousness, but they were without experience in the word of righteousness. The Hebrews having been born from above were babes without experience in the deeper truths of God's Word. It is for this reason that the writer urges them to go on to maturity in the things of Jesus Christ. He would not have them to arrest their Christian life with the salvation of the soul, but that they should have the milk and go on to full growth in Christ, ultimately desiring the meat of the Word. Dr. J. B. Rowell states that whereas these have of milk, "The unsaved need life."

(5) "For he is a babe" (5:13). A babe is an infant who has been born. In the case of regeneration it involves being born from above. Again Dr. Rowell points out: "The unsaved are not even born."

(6) "Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ" (6:1). There is no implication made that these should be forgotten or disbanded, but that they should be so familiar with them that they can go on to deeper truths toward perfection in Jesus Christ.

(7) "Not laying again the foundation" (6:1). Jesus Christ is the Foundation. The foundation has been laid once, and now says Dr. Rowell: "The urge to go on to maturity, not to remain at the beginning, not to remain in the doorway of the Christian life, but to go on with the building of the superstructure on the foundation already laid. . . . The true believer is saved because resting on this foundation which is Jesus Christ, whereas the unsaved are not on this foundation at all."

(8) "Shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end" (6:11). The word diligence is in no way connected with salvation. Salvation is by grace! Here the urge is to be diligent unto the end, and the writer all but cries aloud in his passionate love and zeal for Jesus Christ, Ye babes in Christ, go on to perfection!

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EDITORIALS

By William A. Ogden

That They Might Be With Him

Graduation days at Grace are extremely significant. Not only is there a display of pomp and circumstance, but there is a most solemn air which speaks of the high and holy character of the calling of the man of God who is being sent forth into his field of Christian service.

Sitting on the platform as the special sermon was being delivered, and then watching the graduates receive their diplomas, I tried to evaluate the occasion. The act of launching forth in service seemed to be immediately at hand. Was not this the goal of the many years of intensive study and discipline and preparation? At this point a verse of Scripture came to mind—"and He ordained twelve, that they should be with Him, and that He might send them forth to preach" (Mark 3:14). This verse presents a proper order of life for the Christian minister. It seems to say that the preaching will be worthless unless there is first time spent with the Saviour. I believe that the Bible will support the statement that Fellowship between a man and his God is more important than preaching a great sermon.

The "shorter catechism" asks the question, "What is the chief end of man?" The answer comes back, "The chief end of man is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever." In the Old Testament God commanded, "And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them." This was more important to their welfare than that they should make the uninterrupted journey to the Promised Land. In chapter thirteen of John, Jesus instructs Peter that, although he cannot at that time go with Him, later he will follow Him into that sacred and mysterious place where He himself would go. In the following chapter He promises to return for his children, "That, where I am, there ye may be also." In his great High Priestly prayer he affirms His will for His own: "Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which Thou hast given me." Peter, persuaded of the reality and the Glory of His presence, and of the sweetness of eternal fellowship with his Lord, exults in the prospect that "an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ'." John, that disciple whom Jesus loved said: "and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ."

It is only natural that those who want to spend eternity with God would enjoy time in his presence now. A man who is not enjoying the presence of the Lord now can hardly expect to get men interested in wanting to see Him and enjoy Him in the world to come. The Latins had a proverb which said, "if you would cause me to weep there must be tears in your own eyes." "He ordained twelve that they should be with Him."

And so I prayed that our graduates will go out from the presence of God in the classroom, in the prayer chamber, in the library, in the gymnasium, and from Christian fellowship in every walk of life on campus and in the community to proclaim the reality of the Saviour who not only lived and died two thousand years ago, but who lives now in the hearts of believers, and who sweetens the highway of life for every one who will leave all to follow Him.

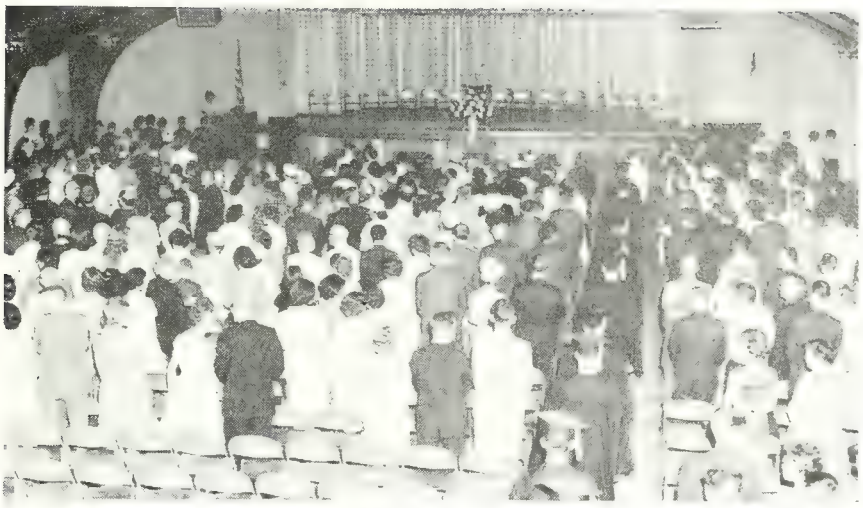
And That He Might Send Them Forth to Preach

Some time ago I heard one of our Seminary men say that the power and blessing of the word of God in the classroom was so great that he felt he could hardly remain in the class, or in the school, because of his great burden to share what he had learned of his Saviour. In the Book of Acts the disciples declared that they must tell the things they had seen and heard. Of what value is knowledge that is not put to use. If the early disciples had not gone "everywhere preaching the word," there would have been a real sense in which our Lord's ministry would have failed. He would have spent his time in vain. His words of grace would have fallen to the ground. These disciples would have had a wonderful personal experience, but the world would never have heard of the Saviour. Today, there is no more lofty calling than that of being a minister of the grace of God. I seem to remember the story of a great preacher in England who was asked by his friends to join the house of parliament. His answer was, "I will never come down to that." Today too many preachers are occupied with about everything under the sun, and never find time to "preach the Word." They seem to feel that the Word has lost its power, and that something new, something intellectual, something sensational, must be substituted for the Gospel of Christ. It seems logical that if the disciples were to spend time with Christ, then their preaching would be all about Him. Paul gave his text to every sermon he ever preached when he said, "Christ in you, the hope of glory: Whom we preach."

Our graduates are pictured on the following pages. They will be scattered far and wide in lives of service for Christ. It is our prayer that while here in the school they have been with Christ. It is our longing and our earnest prayer that they will now be "sent forth to preach," and that the unsearchable riches of Christ will be the theme of their message as long as God gives them breath to proclaim His wonderful Gospel.

COVER PHOTO—EDUCATIONAL ISSUE

This week's cover photo pictures the processional of the eighty-seven Grace Seminary and College graduates. They are about to enter the Winona Lake Bible Conference Auditorium, where the graduation service was held.



Interior view of the Bible Conference Auditorium, with the graduates marching to the front at the beginning of the graduation service

Commencement--1962

By Homer A. Kent, Sr., Th.D.

The twenty-fifth annual commencement of Grace Theological Seminary and Grace College came to an impressive conclusion on Thursday evening, May 31, when eighty-seven individuals received diplomas and degrees. The graduation service was held in the beautiful new Winona Lake Bible Conference Auditorium in the presence of a "standing room only" crowd of relatives, friends, students and faculty. A processional to the service marched from the Eskimo Inn down Park Avenue to the Auditorium under the smiling skies of a beautiful May evening.

The events of Commencement Week began with the annual class day service held on Sunday morning, May 27, in the seminary auditorium. The Seminary graduating class was in complete charge of the service, the sermon for the occasion being delivered by John Davis, the chaplain of the class.

Traditional to this concluding week was the communion service, which was observed on the following Monday evening in the seminary lounge for the special benefit of the college and seminary graduates. President McClain was in charge with other members of the faculty participating in the leadership of the memorial service.

The baccalaureate service was held on Tuesday evening, May 29, in the Winona Lake Bible Conference Auditorium. The preacher for the occasion was Rev. R. Paul Miller, Jr., pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Mansfield, Ohio, who had representatives from his church among the graduates. He challenged his audience, the graduating class in particular, from the life of Jonathan to a ministry of courage and devotion in the midst of times of apostasy.

On the Wednesday evening preceding the graduation service, the college presented the play, "Smilin' Through", to a very appreciative audience, a large part of which was composed of parents and visiting friends of the members of the graduating classes.

The climax to Commencement week was, of course, the graduation service. Following an impressive opening program, including musical numbers from the College Choir and the male quartet which will be touring the west this summer, the graduation address was delivered by Dr. William Culbertson, president of Moody Bible Institute. He challenged the graduates in view of these difficult times to abide in the Word, to preach the Word, and to be sober in the discharge of their varied ministries.

At the conclusion of Dr. Culbertson's address, Lowell Bennett and Sherwood Durkee, presidents of the college and seminary classes respectively, presented practical gifts to the school from their classes. Dr. W. A. Ogden accepted the gifts in behalf of the schools.

Honor students were then announced by Dean Herman A. Hoyt. One student in the college, Marcia Hulliberger, received the *summa cum laude;* three students were awarded the *magna cum laude:* Janet Kelley, Knute Larson and Lowell Bennett. There were also three students who were awarded the *cum laude:* Dorothy Engelberth, Donald Taylor, and James Brundage. In addition, there were three students who received honorable mention because of high scholastic standing though not qualifying for regular awards. Arlene Smith, Ronald Metzger and Jane Williams.

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1962 SEMINARY GRADUATES

We introduce to you on the following pages of the magazine, thirty members of the 1962 seminary senior class. These received appropriate diplomas and degrees on the evening of May 31. Every year a brief biography of each is presented with accompanying pictures in order that you might come to know them better. The varied fields of service they plan to enter show something of the world vision they have received during their student days. These young people have joined the ranks of the hundreds who have gone forth from the school to serve Christ. Pray that the Lord will direct them as they enter fields of service.



David B. Bartlett, *M.R.E*

Member of Congregational Church. Accepted Christ in 1950. Married. Has family. Education: Providence-Barrington Bible College. Practical experience: Various forms of service. Future plans: Mission field.



Larry Jay Bentley, *Th. Dip.*

Member of Fellowship Baptist Church. Accepted Christ in early youth. Married. Three children. Education: Lawrence Institute of Technology, Detroit Bible Institute, Adrian College. Practical experience: Pastor of North Adams Methodist Church, Michigan; temporary supply pastor, Sunday-school teacher. Future plans: Pastorate.



John A. Cahill, *B.D.*

Member of Grace Church. Accepted Christ at fourteen. Married. Three children. Education: Wheaton College. Practical experience: Nursing home, hospital visitation, jail work, student pastorate. Future plans: Pastorate. Possibly teaching in Christian school.



George R. Christie, *B.D.*

Member of Sidney Brethren Church. Accepted Christ in 1958. Married. Four children. Education: Michigan College of Mining and Technology, Michigan State University. Practical experience: Sunday-school teacher, Sunday-school superintendent, young people's director, teacher, pulpit supply. Future plans: Pastor of First Brethren Church, Grandview, Washington.



John Davis, Jr., *B.D.*

Member of Haddon Heights Baptist. Accepted Christ in 1944. Married. One child. Education: Philadelphia College of the Bible, Trinity College. Practical experience: Sunday-school teacher, preaching. Future plans: Return to Grace for post-graduate work in preparation for teaching ministry.



Lee H. Dice, *B.D.*

Member of Grace Brethren Church. Accepted Christ in 1954. Married. One child. Education: Iowa State University. Practical experience: Sunday-school teacher, youth work, student pastorate, personal work in jail and nursing home. Future plans: Pastor, Grace Brethren Church, Flora, Indiana.



Sherwood V. Durkee, *B.D.*

Member of Winona Lake Brethren Church. Accepted Christ in early youth. Married. Four children. Education: Grace College. Practical experience: Student pastorate, Christian service department. Future plans: Pastor of Grace Brethren Church, Vandalia, Ohio.



Ivan E. Felton, Jr., *B.D.*

Member of Independent Baptist. Accepted Christ in 1952. Married. Education: Columbia Bible College. Practical experience: Christian service of various kinds. Future plans: Christian ministry.



Robert L. Firl, *B.D.*

Member of Meyersdale Brethren Church. Accepted Christ in early youth. Married. Education: Grace College, Dallas Theological Seminary. Practical experience: Student pastorate, Christian service department. Future plans: Pastorate.



Ronald W. Graef, *B.D.*

Member of Cedar Hill Baptist Church. Accepted Christ in 1958. Single. Education: Fenn College. Practical experience: Singing, preaching, junior church work, student pastorate. Future plans: Pastor of First Baptist Church, Stryker, Ohio.



Ron Henry, *B.D.*

Member of the Grace Brethren Church. Accepted Christ in 1943. Married. Education: Grace College, Indiana University. Practical experience: Sunday-school, occasional speaking engagements. Future plans: Teach at Grace College and complete work on Master's degree.



Kenneth D. Koontz, *B.D.*

Member of Leesburg Brethren Church. Accepted Christ in 1942. Married. One child. Education: Grace College. Practical experience: Nursing home work, jail work, hospital visitation, street meetings, Sunday-school teaching, Sunday-school superintendent, student pastorate. Future plans: Pastor of Leesburg Brethren Church, Leesburg, Indiana.



Robert E. Lackens, *B.D.*

Member of Wayside Baptist Church. Accepted Christ several years ago. Married. Two children. Education: Ohio State University, Miami University. Practical experience: Jail and nursing home visitation, Sunday-school work. Future plans: Uncertain.



D. J. McCarthy, Jr., *B.Ch.E.*

Member of Independent church. Accepted Christ in 1937. Married. Four children. Education: Baldwin Wallace College, Ohio College of Chiropody, Mennonite Biblical Seminary. Practical experience: assistant in worship service, child evangelism, teaching in Grace College. Future plans: Continue in practice of podiatry, additional post-graduate university work.



Edward B. Mensinger, *B.D.*

Member of Barbee Lakes Brethren Church. Accepted Christ in 1945. Married. Education: Grace College. Practical experience: Student pastorate at Barbee Lakes, teaching Sunday-school class, visitation in nursing homes and hospitals. Future plans: Pastorate and possibly teaching.



Esther M. Moeller, *B.D.*

Member of First Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pennsylvania. Accepted Christ in 1945. Single. Education: Grace College. Practical work: Child evangelism, Sunday-school teacher. Future plans: Mission field.



Brad Moore, *M.R.E.*

Member of Mentone Baptist Church. Accepted Christ in 1953. Married. One child. Education: Taylor University, Colorado State College. Practical experience: Youth leader, Sunday-school teacher. Future plans: Uncertain. Possibly Christian college teaching.



James Nesbitt, *B.D.*

Member of Wescoby Road Church, Princeton, New Jersey. Accepted Christ in 1954. Single. Education: Princeton University. Practical experience: Director of Christian service, Sunday-school teacher, summer pastorate, foreign student work. Future plans: Missionary, French territory.



Robert W. Paswaters, *B.D.*

Member of Park Lane Baptist Church. Accepted Christ several years ago. Married. Two children. Education: Northwestern College, Western Conservative Baptist Seminary, Central Conservative Baptist Theological Seminary. Practical experience: Student pastor, Sunday-school teacher, song leader, soloist. Future plans: Mission field.



Dale L. Phelps, *M.R.E.*

Member of Faith Baptist Church. Accepted Christ in 1948. Married. One child. Education: Northwestern Liberal Arts College, Pillsbury Baptist Bible College. Practical experience: Assisting pastor in music and Sunday-school. Future plans: Youth work and Christian education.



Randall E. Poyner, *B.D.*

Member of Grace Brethren Church. Accepted Christ in early youth. Married. Two children. Education: Grace College. Practical experience: Gospel team work, jail work, Bible club sponsor, evangelistic work, youth director. Future plans: Mission field in Central Republic of Africa.



Kenneth E. Russell, *B.D.*

Member of Brethren Church. Accepted Christ in 1950. Married. Three children. Education: Grace College. Practical experience: Supply pastor, nursing home pastor. Future plans: Pastor of Bethel Brethren Church, Berne, Indiana.



Frederic H. Shuss, *Th. Dip.*

Member of Brethren Church. Accepted Christ in 1946. Single. Education: Pennsylvania State University, Dallas Theological Seminary. Practical experience: Various forms of service. Future plans: Pastor of Calvary Brethren Church, Jefferson Center, Pennsylvania.



Glenn E. Smouse, *Th.M.*

Member of Baptist Church. Accepted Christ in 1937. Married. Family. Education: Grace College, Manchester College. Practical experience: Pastor. Future plans: Pastorate.



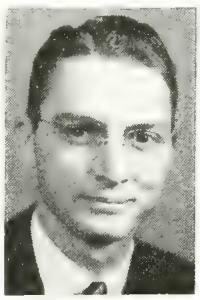
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Member of Community Brethren Church. Accepted Christ in 1954. Married. Four children. Education: Grace College. Practical experience: Sunday-school teacher, student pastor. Future plans: Pastor at Ankenytown, Ohio.



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Harry A. Sturz, *Th.M.*

Member of Brethren Church. Accepted Christ in 1938. Married. Five children. Education: Westmont, Manchester, Dallas Theological Seminary, Southern California School of Theology. Practical experience: Pastor. Future plans: Post-graduate work and teaching.



Simon T. Toroian, *Th. Dip.*

Member, Warsaw Community Brethren Church. Accepted Christ in 1940. Married. Six children. Education: Philadelphia School of Bible, Grace College. Practical experience: Junior church director, nursing home, home visitation. Future plans: Summer evangelism, possibly Jewish evangelism.



Lee Turner, Jr., *B.D.*

Member of Tri Lake Baptist Church. Accepted Christ in 1954. Married: One child. Education: Indiana Business College, Grace College. Practical experience: Mission work, jail work, Sunday-school teaching, youth director, pastor. Future plans: Pastorate.



Michael J. Volovski, *B.D.*

Member of Elkhart Grace Brethren Church. Accepted Christ in 1951. Married. Education: King's College, Indiana University Extension, Grace College. Practical experience: Sunday-school, song leader, teaching. Future plans: Indefinite.

Musical Minutes

DONALD OGDEN

Question: Are acoustics important to effective church music? Why?

Answer: Good acoustics are an essential part of quality. The music created on violin strings would lose its charm were it not for the body of the violin which serves as a resonator for the tones. A piano may be said to be no better than its sounding-board. Choral or congregational singing will vary in its quality, and consequently in its effectiveness, in direct proportion to the acoustical properties of the room in which it is performed.

While too much bounce may garble the words and make the music muddy, a "live" room will not only make the music sound bigger, but will actually encourage better singing. Not enough reverberation will make the music sound dead; a "dead" room will detract from good quality and will discourage maximum effort.

Acoustically, the greatest threats to good church music are soft plaster and acoustical tile on walls and ceilings, carpeted floors, boxed in choir lofts, and heavy draperies. Unfortunately, public address systems do not offer much compensation.

Not all building details can or should be determined in the light of their effect on the music of the church, but the decisions made in favor of better music will reflect the recognition of the importance music plays both as a ministry in itself, and as a preparation for the ministry of the preaching of the Word.

GIFTS TO GRACE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
May 1962

	General Fund	Building Fund
Allegheny		
Aleppo, Pa.		22.50
East		
Altoona, Pa. (First)	9.00	
Conemaugh, Pa. (Pike		58.00
Learnersville, Pa	114.08	
Everett, Pa.	17.00	
Hopewell, Pa.	5.00	
Johnstown, Pa. (First)	117.00	
Kittanning, Pa. (First)	35.00	120.25
Martinsburg, Pa.	60.41	
Indiana		
Berne	61.72	
Leesburg	39.33	14.26
Osceola	26.00	35.27
Warsaw	20.90	
Winona Lake	453.61	122.67
Iowa		
Dallas Center	31.00	
Waterloo	120.49	53.76
Michigan		
Alto		10.00
Lake Odessa	5.00	
New Troy	44.00	
Mid-Atlantic		
Alexandria, Va.		15.00
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Martinsburg, W. Va.	50.00	125.00
Winchester, Va.	25.50	10.70
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Harrisburg, Pa.	47.00	10.00
Lancaster, Pa.	19.00	
Palmyra, Pa.	61.50	
Philadelphia, Pa. (First)	25.00	
Northern Ohio		
Akron (First)	60.00	
Barberton	16.20	
Ankenytown		100.00
Danville	26.00	
Homerville	18.00	
Mansfield (Woodville)	62.72	3.00
Mansfield (Grace)	1,491.00	26.00
Rittman	125.10	
Northwest		
Grandview	10.00	
Southeast		
Hollins, Va.	22.25	
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Temple City, Calif.	25.50	6.00
Whittier, Calif. (Com.)	57.88	
Whittier, Calif. (First)	5.00	
Southern Ohio		
Clayton	54.50	23.50
Dayton (Patterson Park)		5.00
Miscellaneous		
Isolated Brethren	2.50	2.50
Non Brethren	228.65	
Baccalaureate and Commencement Offerings	58.33	
National Sisterhood of Mary and Martha		5.01
Maintenance Gifts	34.25	
Totals	4,256.82	783.42
Designated Gifts:		
Kittanning, Pa.		44.25
Martinsburg, Pa.		10.00
Winona Lake, Ind.		150.59
Akron, Ohio		100.00
Mansfield, Ohio (Grace)		205.00
Johnson City, Tenn.		950.00
Whittier, Calif. (Community)		312.50
Seminary Senior Class 1962		108.20
Non-Brethren		158.00
Totals		2,038.54

COMMENCEMENT 1962

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In the seminary those receiving honors were Edward Mensinger, Ronald Graef and James Nesbitt who received the *magna cum laude* and John Davis and John Cahill who were awarded the *cum laude*. Dr. Hobart Freeman spoke in recognition of the achievements of all the honor students.

Diplomas and degrees were then granted to eighty-six students from the college and the seminary, fifty-six from the college and thirty from the seminary. This is the second largest number ever to have graduated from the two schools.

In addition to the above, the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity was bestowed upon Harold H. Etling, presently the national director of the Sunday School Board in the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. He is an alumnus of Grace Seminary and since his graduation has distinguished himself in the pastorate, in writing, and in leadership in other fields besides that of the Sunday School.

The service of graduation concluded in the traditional way by the singing of the hymn, "O Jesus, I have Promised" and prayer and benediction by Rev. Lester E. Pifer. Following this the graduates stood on both sides of the auditorium to receive the congr[illegible] many relatives [illegible] a glorious occasion!

OUR SCHOOLS:

Government Aid or Private Aid?

Today the Government has a hand in almost everything we do or experience. The average American has no conception of the extent of socialization in this nation. Controls are already in operation or planned for almost all major facets of our living. New and heavier taxes are constantly being levied to operate these socialized agencies. So, the taxpayer takes it out of one pocket, hands it to the government, and the government returns it to somebody else or to the taxpayers other pocket after all expenses are deducted for bureaucracy.

Aid to education is one facet of these wide government philanthropies. Should private and public schools request and accept government aid? Already such aid is being given in different ways. The debate as to whether this is right or wrong is intense.

One thing is certain. Federal aid to schools in any sense assumes that some measure of control will normally follow the aid program. We have had an illustration of this fact in the process of applying for a loan for the construction of a dormitory at Grace College. Government fees, controls and regulations formed a large part of the transaction. Schools participating in governmental support in any sense may be subjected to much more rigid controls in the future.

Recently an article appeared in *Christian Economics* under the title, *University Rejects Federal Aid,* written by H. L. Yochum, president, Capital University, Columbus, Ohio, in which this college president assumes a sensible and practical attitude along this line. (We quote by permission from this article.)

"A few months ago when we were about to start construction of a new residence hall for men students, estimated to cost over $400,000, we decided that we should arrange a loan of $300,000 from a local savings and loan association rather than from the federal government. Instead of a 40-year loan, this is a 20-year loan. Instead of around 3 percent interest, we are paying 5½ percent interest. Was this right or wrong, wise or foolish? You be the judge; let us tell you why our Board of Regents took this action.

At the very outset we may as well admit that most of our colleges and universities are gladly applying for federal loans on construction of buildings. Some of my colleagues tell me that we are foolish to hold out on this issue and some impressive reasons are given in educational journals why we should quit debating and gratefully accept all the federal aid we can get. Frankly, most of the argument in support of accepting federal aid seem to be rationalization (which I would define as giving impressive reasons for what you have already decided to do for less impressive reasons!). I cannot help thinking of the alleged reply of a politician when he was asked where he stood on a certain issue 'as a matter of principle.' Said he: 'Wait until I have figured out where the advantages are, and then I'll tell you where I stand as a matter of principle.'

Two rebuttals are frequently offered to our stated position. 'You cannot resist the historic process—you cannot fight the current trend.' Why not? If we feel that the current trend is wrong we can and we should fight it! If we are convinced the historic process is in the wrong direction, we are morally obligated to resist it! Where are our principles, where is our concern for values, where is our fidelity to the best interests of our institution or Church or nation, if we go along with policies we consider wrong? 'Well, even so, since this money is available you are foolish if you do not get your share of it.' Such opportunistic motivation represents a dismal surrender of ethical principles, it seems to me. Can we stoop so low and maintain our integrity, our self-respect?

It will cost us something to decline cheap and easy money, so freely given. Our Church, our alumni, our friends who believe in private enterprise and in the independence of our Church colleges will have to provide the money that we need for our survival in the years ahead. I believe that is the better way and I have enough faith and hope to take this calculated risk."

Our sentiments should be those of Mr. Yochum.

Grace College and Seminary are supported by Brethren people. The generous support given is a remarkable illustration of what can be done by private enterprise.

Grace is planning the construction of a new dorm with an investment need of at least $550,000. Already approximately $200,000 of this has been raised. *But, $100,000 more is needed by September 1, 1962.* The balance will be needed soon after this time. We believe Brethren people will respond by sending their investments to the Brethren Investment Foundation designated for loaning to Grace College for the immediate construction of the new dorm.

If you can help, why not care for this at once? Write the Brethren Investment Foundation, Box 587, Winona Lake, Indiana.

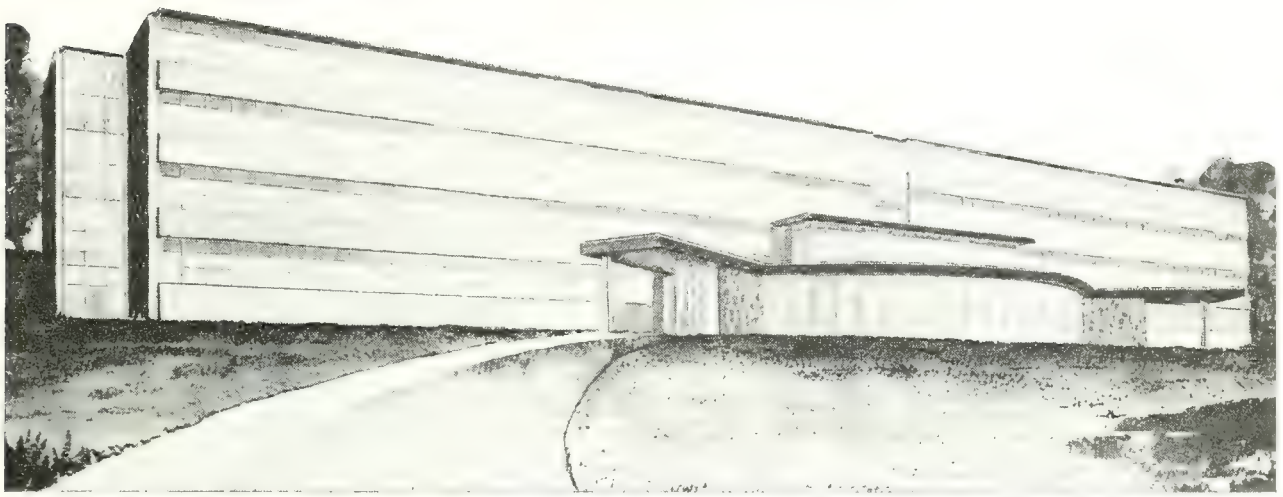
—L. L. Grubb

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Name _____ Address _____

CURRENT NEWS

MEMBER EPA EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION

PHOENIX, ARIZ. Interested in sunny Arizona? Grace Brethren School here is in need of a teacher for a combined 4th, 5th, and 6th grade class (limited to 25 students) for the 1962-63 school year. Write to the school at 2940 W. Bethany Home Road for details.

NOTICE: The next issue of the Brethren Missionary Herald, dated June 30, 1962, will be a special two-color edition containing personal testimonies. It will be especially appropriate for giving to those who are unsaved, in visitation programs, etc. Individuals and pastors are invited to write in and request additional copies, which will be furnished free of charge. This constitutes a part of the Herald's free literature program.

TAOS, N. MEX. Fifty-six ladies and girls attended the annual joint meeting of the WMC and SMM societies of the Canon Brethren Church recently. Sam Horney was host pastor.

ALBANY, OREG. Grace Brethren Church, Nelson E. Hall, pastor, cooperated with the Corvallis Youth for Christ May 5. The special attraction was the testimony of Lou Gillespie, a fortune teller converted to Christ and to the work of evangelism.

WOOSTER, OHIO. Jim Custer, middler at Grace Seminary, will be the summer associate pastor serving at the First Brethren Church. His activities will be mainly in the field of music and youth leadership. His services began June 10 and will conclude Aug. 12.

BERNE, IND. The Bethel Brethren Church presented their pastor, Kenneth E. Russell, a check for $100 as a graduation gift. Brother Russell graduated from Grace Seminary May 31.

JOHNSTOWN, PA. Max Fluke, pastor of the Geistown Grace Brethren Church, tendered his resignation as pastor June 3 to become effective Aug. 25. Future plans are indefinite. All mail intended for the Geistown church should be sent to the church address and not to the pastor's home.

WASHINGTON, D. C. James G. Dixon terminated his ten and one-half years of ministry at the First Brethren Church, Apr. 8.

DAYTON, OHIO. Sixty-two persons have been received into the membership of the Patterson Park Brethren Church since Dec. 31, 1961. Nathan Casement, pastor.

CANTON, OHIO. Lester Pifer, Ass't. Field Secretary of the Brethren Home Missions Council, Winona Lake, Ind., delivered the dedicatory address for the cornerstone laying of the new $1,300,000 Canton Baptist Temple here June 10. There were 1,000 persons in attendance at the service.

KITTANNING, PA. Rev. and Mrs. William H. Schaffer celebrated their thirty-fifth wedding anniversary June 3. Brother Schaffer is pastor of our First Brethren Church here.

WAYNESBORO, PA. Dr. O. E. Phillips, director of the Hebrew Christian Fellowship, will hold a four-night Bible conference at the First Brethren Church here June 24-27. The theme of the conference will be "Prophecy and the Jew." Robert Crees is pastor.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Rev. and Mrs. Charles Taber, 55 Elizabeth St., Hartford 5, Conn. Dr. and Mrs. Orville D. Jobson, Box 420, Winona Lake, Ind. Rev. and Mrs. Richard Sellers, 410 W. Winona Ave., Warsaw, Ind., Tel. 267-3690.

PERU, IND. The Christian Service Brigade boys of the Peru Brethren Church attended the Billy Graham evangelistic crusade in Chicago June 5. The boys enjoyed seeing a Chicago Cubs—San Francisco Giants ball game and took a frigid swim in Lake Michigan prior to the Youth rally. Rev. John Evans, pastor, accompanied the group.

WASHINGTON, D. C. Rev. George Miles, president of Washington Bible College, was the guest speaker at First Brethren Church, June 3.

RINER, VA. The Grace Brethren Church here held their spring revival Apr. 29-May 6. Charlie Hall, pastor, was the speaker. There were three first-time decisions for Christ and eleven rededications.

HAGERSTOWN, MD. The Grace Brethren Church here has been sponsoring the "Family Altar Broadcast" daily for the past twenty years. Warren E. Tamkin is pastor.

WOOSTER, OHIO. The summer issue of *"Daily Devotions"* is printed and now ready for mailing to the churches, the WMC organizations, or individuals who order the same. This booklet follows the daily readings assigned in the Brethren Bible-O-Rama lessons. The booklet has 98 pages of devotional material written by Brethren pastors and missionaries. It is well printed and beautifully bound. Many churches have already ordered. Your congregation should share in this endeavor to encourage daily Bible reading in Brethren homes. A donation of 20c per copy, plus 10 percent postage, covers the cost of printing and mailing. You may order *"Daily Devotions"* from the First Brethren Church, P. O. Box 1, Wooster, Ohio. Sample copies will be sent upon request.

Wedding Bells

Announcements in this column are published when sent in by a pastor.

Bonnie Lovegrove and Larry Randall, June 9, Grace Brethren Church, Lansing, Mich.

Jeanine Swetlic and Knute Larson, June 9, Grace Brethren Church, Mansfield, Ohio.

Nancy Stouffer and Edward Killian, June 2, Singer Hill Brethren Church, Conemaugh, Pa.

Phyllis Garber and Ray Horton, June 2, Winona Lake Brethren Church, Winona Lake, Ind.

Althea Virginia Weidman and James Rome Robinson, Apr. 12, First Brethren Church, Washington, D. C.



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MILES COVERDALE ALSO WORKED ON TWO OTHER IMPORTANT ENGLISH BIBLES: THE "GREAT (CHAINED) BIBLE" AND THE "GENEVA BIBLE."



In ỹ begyn nynge God created hea uen & earth: and ỹ earth was voyde and emptie, and darckнes was vpon the depe. & ỹ ſpiete of God moued vpō the water. And God ſayde: let there be light, & there was lighte. And God ſawe the light that

A SAMPLE OF THE TYPE IN COVERDALE'S BIBLE

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* *THE BOOKS OF THE APOCRYPHA DO NOT APPEAR IN OUR BIBLE BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT CONSIDERED TO BE GOD'S WORD.*

LAYMEN'S PAGE

THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN LAYMEN

COMPILED BY KENNETH E. HERMAN

NEWS

of Laymen's Groups . . .

NORTHERN ATLANTIC DISTRICT. The laymen held their spring meeting in conjunction with the regular district conference which was held at the Philadelphia (Pa.) Third Brethren Church.

On the Friday evening of the conference, the laymen presented the challenge hour. Then on Saturday morning a special laymen's breakfast was held with thirty-six men in attendance. Dr. Harold Etling, director of the Brethren National Sunday School Board, was the featured speaker for both the district conference and the laymen's breakfast.

At the final district conference session, Dr. Herman Koontz, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church at York, Pennsylvania, installed the new district officers and the district laymen's officers.

In September, the men are planning their annual overnight camp and retreat. It will be held near Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, with the Palmyra church acting as host.



Northern Atlantic District laymen outside the restaurant after their early Saturday morning breakfast. (Photo by Allen Zook.)

INDIANA DISTRICT. At a recent meeting in the South Bend church, the men of the district voted to adopt a project of raising funds for the support of a new radio program being presented by Rev. Sam Horney, superintendent of our Spanish-American Mission at Taos, New Mexico. Brother Horney has an opportunity to present the Gospel for five minutes a day over the local radio station, at the low price of only one dollar. A number of laymen's groups pledged support of the program for an entire month, and some volunteered to raise funds for two months cost.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNER EXPRESSES THANKS. Reproduced on this page, you see part of a letter which was received from Eddie McKinney, one of the Grace College Laymen's Scholarship recipients. Your laymen's editor felt it fitting that this word of commendation should be passed along to you, the laymen who have made it possible.

When you said on the Laymen's page that you were sure that you spoke for all of us in saying "Thanks Laymen," you certainly spoke for me.

Truly, I am thankful for what the Laymen have done for me.

Yours in Christ,
Eddie McKinney

There is still a need for funds to finish out the Scholarship Fund. If you or your local laymen's group haven't contributed to this project, how about getting behind it now? It would be tremendous if we could announce at the National Conference laymen's meetings that our goal of $10,000 had been reached! It could be done! Send all money to Ben Zimmerman, R.R. 1, Warsaw, Indiana.

SECOND IN A SERIES

Crucifying Afresh

(In the first article of his series, the context of the passage under discussion was employed to show that throughout the epistle are references which give indication that those addressed were regenerated individuals).

By Rev. Arnold R. Kriegbaum
Dean of Men, Grace College

Dispersed through the text itself are references which indicate that those addressed were regenerated individuals.

"Who were once enlightened" (Heb. 6:4). The meaning of the word enlightened is clearly understood when we read Ephesians 1:18, where the same word is used: "The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints." When we compare this verse with II Corinthians 4:4 a very striking analogy is seen, for we read: "In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God should shine unto them." The unregenerate man is spiritually blind. In the Word of God salvation is associated with light, and sin is associated with darkness. These Hebrews had been enlightened or illumined, for the same word is used in Hebrews 10:32; "But call to remembrance the former days, in which, after ye were illuminated, ye endured a great fight of afflictions." The word once is significant, or it implies once and for all, or once and forever.

"And have tasted" (Heb. 6:4 and 6:5). In these verses we learn that they had tasted of three things: "the heavenly gift" (6:4), "the good word of God"; "powers of the world to come" (6:5). We read: "But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man" (Heb. 2:9). The same word appears in I Peter 2:3: "If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is good." Certainly we would not argue that Christ did not consciously taste the pangs of death while hanging on the cross of Calvary. To say that these Hebrews merely professed tasting is to bring before us all the suffering of the cross by the Son of God. These Hebrews actually tasted and consciously experienced the heavenly gift, the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come. The Apostle Peter also uses this word in I Peter 2:1-3 where he says, "Wherefore laying aside all malice, evil speaking, as newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious." This is not a reference to one who is but a mere professor of Christ.

"Were made partakers" (6:4). The Greek word translated "made" is the aorist tense, which implies an action completed at a definite time in the past. And the same word in the Greek is used in Ephesians 2:13, "But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ." The same word is used in speaking of Christ "being made so much better than the angels" (Heb. 1:4), but in this verse partakers comes from the root meaning to share in, to be a member of, or to have actual communion and fellowship. For centuries the fathers had waited for their Messiah to come; but when He came, they failed to recognize Him, and hung Him on the cross of Calvary. Praise God, this became the very foundation through which Jew and gentile have been united into one body as both became partakers of his death, resurrection, holiness, and righteousness. Thus was the promise to the fathers fulfilled. Dr. J. B. Rowell puts it thus: "In II Corinthians 5:5, the Holy Spirit is spoken of as God's 'earnest' to the believers. As 'earnest money' is the pledge of full payment, and as the risen Christ is the 'firstfruits,' or guarantee, of the resurrection of the redeemed, so the Holy Spirit in the believer is God's 'earnest' of the full work of grace being wrought in that heart, even as we are assured in Philippians 1:6: 'He which hath begun a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Jesus Christ.' If these things be so, then how can this Scripture refer to one who is not a partaker of grace!"

We have attempted to show that both the context and the text indicate that those involved in our problem were regenerated individuals.

The Question of Security

The question now arises, what is the experience described by the words, "fall away" (6:6)? As one considers the problem, it is readily seen that there are only two possible answers. Either, it is possible that these regenerated individuals could have experienced eternal loss of salvation, or it is possible that these individuals could have been believers who were out of fellowship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Negatively, the term "fall away" cannot refer to the eternal loss of the soul of a regenerated believer, for the following reasons:

To teach such a doctrine would be in direct conflict with the Word of God which teaches that the truly regenerated soul can never perish. The classic passage of the Word of God to prove this is John 10:27-30. Other passages to prove that the regenerated soul can never perish are: John 6:39, 3:9; Romans 8:38-39; Romans 11:29 with 5:11 with II Timothy 1:9; Jude 1.

As we consider the various doctrines of the Word, we might ask if there is any Scripture to prove that an elected man ever lost his election; a regenerated man ever became unregenerated; a sanctified man ever became unsanctified; or an adopted man ever lost his adoption? To all these we must answer in the negative.

Positively, the term "fall away" has reference to a regenerated believer who is out of fellowship with Jesus Christ, and is living a fruitless life, because:

1. The original language that is used in the text under discussion confirms that they were regenerated believers. Let us consider further

these words "fall away." (In the Greek this is just one word formed by the combination of the Greek word "para" which means beside or with, and the Greek word "pipto" which means to fall or fall down). According to Liddell and Scott, this means, "to fall aside, to err, to deviate," or "to fall in one's way." This same word is used in Hebrews 4:11 where we read: "Let us therefore give diligence to enter into that rest, that no man fall after the same example of disobedience" (ASV). Concerning this "falling away" Dr. J. B. Rowell makes a statement which we quote: "It is used in connection with the sower sowing seed: 'some fell upon a rock,' 'some fell among thorns,' 'others fell on good ground' (Luke 8:6-8). These uses but emphasize the thought that the word parapipto cannot be limited to final falling away. On the other hand, when the Holy Spirit desires to express the thought of the final falling away in the sense of separation from God, He uses an entirely different word . . . to place off from, depart from. For example, 'Depart from me all ye workers of iniquity' (Luke 13:27); 'And these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away' (Luke 8:13); 'In latter times some shall depart from the faith' (I Tim. 4:1)." The Hebrew Christians had made their start in the things of our blessed Lord, and then, they literally sat down to rest, and so to speak consider what they had done. Seeing the persecution, and recalling the teaching of their fathers, they lapsed into a state of sin which resulted in broken fellowship. As a consequence their lives were fruitless for God.

2. The context succeeding the text under discussion further indicates that they were regenerated believers. In Hebrews 6:9-10: "But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak. For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister." If these verses are addressed to unsaved individuals, why is the writer so persuaded of better things in them and so confident that God will remember their works? The work of an unrighteous man is of no avail with God. Read Ephesians 2: 8-9. It is the writer's desire that these Hebrews go on to full growth in the Lord. Maturity in Christ will manifest itself through fruitfulness. It is this thing that the writer has in mind in Hebrews 6:8: "But that which beareth thorns and briars is rejected, and nigh unto cursing; whose end is to be burned."

(a) The word translated "rejected" is used in II Timothy 2:15, here translated "ashamed." It is used again in I Corinthians 9:27, where it is translated "castaway." These Hebrews had become unfruitful, and were as those laid on the shelf, so far as service for God was concerned.

(b) The word translated "cursing" (6:8) denotes, in the New Testament, doom and condemnation. Notice, they were nigh unto cursing, for had it not been for the grace of God, they would have been "cursed" for their fruitless life.

3. As we consider the historical setting we can more easily understand how the individuals of the text were regenerated believers who were out of fellowship and were thus living fruitless lives for Christ. It is very difficult for a gentile to fully understand the heart-rending situation which these young Hebrew Christians had to face. They had only recently taken their stand for the Lord Jesus, and had turned their backs on the faith of their fathers, when this great persecution arose against them. The persecution had become so bad that many believers were hesitant to gather together for fellowship and prayer, for the writer tells them: "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching" (Heb. 10:25). "For it is impossible . . . If they shall fall away," to renew them unto repentance from dead works as long as their minds are dominated by the former dead works (cp. v. 1), rather than building on the one true foundation, Jesus Christ, with gold, silver and precious stones. As it was, they were building nothing on the foundation. Therefore, the writer pleads in this epistle, "Let us go on to perfection."

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Let's Talk SUNDAY SCHOOL

By Dr. Harold H. Etling
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Your National Sunday School Board adopted a slogan a few years ago in their annual convention that read, "An expanding Sunday school for an exploding population." Much of the time of the convention was spent in emphasizing and developing techniques for meeting the challenge of the exploding population.

Many of our Sunday schools have accepted the challenge of the more than *five million* babies being born into American homes, and are increasing their Sunday school attendance at a pace that is matching the population explosion. We rejoice with every one of these schools, and with the increases that are being made. When our National Convention meets on August 12-13 this year, we will make due recognition of these through many awards that will be presented and our annual "Champions' Reception."

But before National Conference comes, and the awards are given, we want to share with you one of the real thrills that came to us on Mother's Day. We wanted you to see this little fellow who is anxious that a new Sunday school building be completed, so that he and his chums will have room enough to grow. Yes, it was a ground-breaking service, and this lad couldn't see any sense in waiting for tomorrow and a bulldozer to come in. There were enough people standing around to get the digging done right now, and he was going to lead the way. After he had been digging for quite a little while, and it was evident he was really serious, our photographer thought it was time to snap his picture and share it with you.

Oh yes, in my excitement about this lad and his anxiety, and the thrill of knowing that another Sunday school building is under way, I almost forgot to tell you that this all happened in Alexandria, Virginia. For more than thirty consecutive months this Sunday school has had an increase over the monthly attendance of the previous month.

The plans call for a building of three floors, to house the growing Sunday school, built of course to house a completely graded school according to the best method of closely grading each department. Of course, the pastor, Rev. John Burns, and your National Sunday School Director could not allow this fellow to do all of the digging, and so they got their fingers in the pie—or their shovels into the ground, but believe me neither of them did what this little fellow wanted to do. After all, this was a "ground-breaking" ceremony, and one shovel full of earth is all that is essential, but it was enough for the superintendent, Willis Wood, and the Christian Education Director to bring smiles to their faces; smiles of approval at the action that was taking place.

When you visit the nation's capital in Washington, D.C., you will not want to miss the opportunity to drive across the bridge to Alexandria, Virginia, and visit this thriving school.

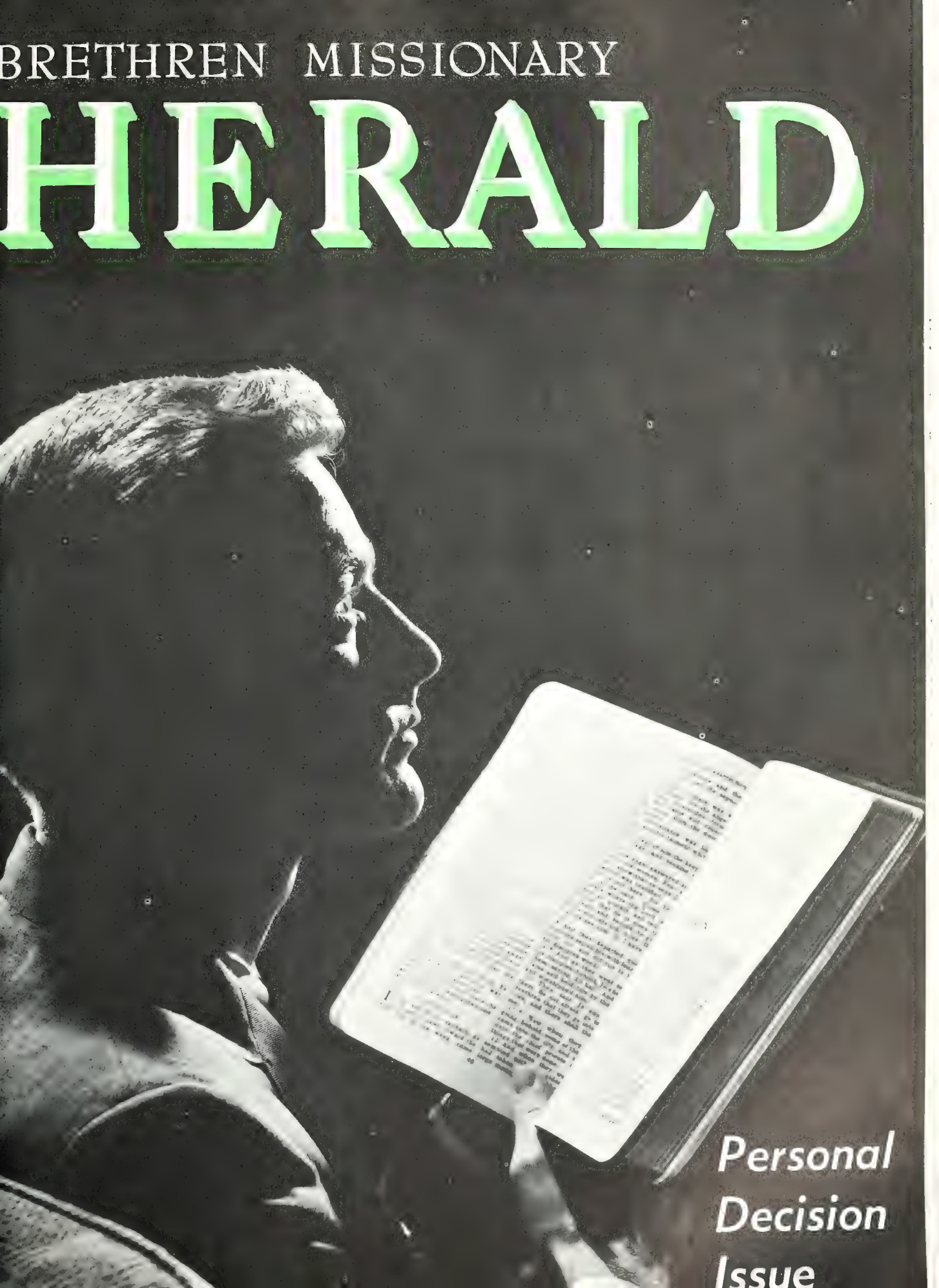




Pictured above, left to right, are: Miss Mabel Donaldson, Christian Education Director; Dr. Harold Etling, Mr. Willis Wood, Sunday School Superintendent; and Rev. John Burns, pastor.

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Personal Decision Issue

I Made the Greatest Decision of Life

BY JOYCE INGRAM

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Something wonderful happened to me five years ago. I would like to share this with the whole world, but I know that this is impossible. However, for those of you that take time out from your busy lives to stop and read this Christ centered magazine I will endeavor to share my wonderful experience with you.

For twenty-four years I attended the Roman Catholic Church. I was what you might call a very "good" Catholic. I was taught many of the church doctrines and I soon learned that I was not to question them. My life as a Roman Catholic wasn't really an unhappy life, for I had never really known what real happiness was. However, there came a time in my life when I realized that I needed something or someone that would fill an emptiness within me. All my searching seemed in vain so I continued in my own wilful way.

In 1952 I married a boy whom I had met in high school and right from the start we made a bargain. We would take turns going to each others church. Although Bill was not very "religious" he had had enough religious upbringing to refuse to become a Catholic for *anyone* (including me). For about two months we took turns going to each others church. We attended The North Long Beach Brethren Church because we knew that many of our high school friends went there. However, each time I attended that church I would go home feeling quite uneasy, but very interested in what the pastor had said concerning Christ. There were so many new things that I had never heard in my twenty-four years as a Catholic. The Bible was a completely new book to me, as I had never read it before. One Sunday morning when it was Bill's turn to go to my church I said "Honey, let's go to your church." I pretended that I just wanted to go see my old friends, but I really wanted to hear what more the pastor would say about Christ. Even with all the wonderful truths, which we heard about Christ, my pride kept me from accepting Him. Finally, one Easter Sunday morning my husband accepted Christ as his own personal Saviour. He had been wanting to do this for a long time, but each time he would ask me to go forward with him, I would discourage him. This particular Sunday he didn't even ask me; he just slipped out and thereby acknowledged Christ as his Saviour. On the way home I made it clear to him that I didn't intend to spend all day Sunday in church. It had embarrassed me, because now everyone knew that he was a sinner and that probably I was too.

The Lord tells us in Romans 10: 17: "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." And so it was with me. I heard about the free gift of God which is eternal life to all those who are willing to put their faith and trust in Him, and that He came to save sinners, not the righteous. Who was I to neglect so great salvation? I was what you might call a goodie-goodie girl, and I thought that maybe because I didn't do certain bad things I might have a chance to get to heaven. Little did I realize that my own righteousness was keeping me from God's Kingdom.

One Sunday night the pastor brought a wonderful sermon on how, without Christ, all of our good works are as filthy rags. It is clearly stated in Ephesians 2:8-9: "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is *the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast.*" What great and strange



From Catholicism to proclaiming the Gospel message in song . . . pictured above is the *Notes of Faith Trio* with Joyce Ingram on the far right.

truths! I had never heard anything like this before! I realized then that I needed a Saviour that would forgive my sins and fill that emptiness which I had. I made the greatest decision of life and yielded my heart and life to Christ.

Shortly after my great decision, two girls came up to me and asked if I would be interested in singing with them in a trio. I have always loved to sing, but I never dreamed that I would be singing Gospel songs. Since then we have formed *The Notes of Faith Trio* and have used the following as our theme song: "I'm singing for my Lord everywhere I go, singing of his wondrous love that the world may know. How He saved a wretch like me by His death on Calvary, I'm singing for my Lord everywhere I go." It is my prayer that others might hear how Christ came to save sinners like me, through hearing the message of love in each song.

A testing period came for me in 1959, when I became paralyzed from the waist down. The doctors didn't know what I had, and they told me that it might be six months to a year before I would ever walk again. Needless to say, this was a time of great burden, spiritually, as well as physically. Time and time again, I would bring to remembrance Christ's promises—"I shall never leave thee nor forsake thee," and there in the hospital I trusted Him for His healing power.

I shall never forget the comfort and strength God's words were to me when my pastor showed me Christ's promises in Philippians 4: 6-7: "Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

Through the united efforts of the prayer groups of my friends in Christ, within six weeks, God placed me back on my feet. How I praise Him for the many opportunities to witness that have arisen from the few weeks which He laid me aside, to present Christ in all of His *love, power,* and *wonderful grace.*

Before Christ Came Into My Heart—

rts and Gambling re My Whole Life!

BY DONALD H. STORY

Postman

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I have always been interested in sports—any kind—as long as they are competitive. One Sunday evening I was watching television and not finding any good programs on I twisted the dial and suddenly saw a big stadium filled with people and I thought to myself—maybe a ballgame. I was quite surprised to see that it was Franklin Field in Philadelphia. I couldn't think of any sporting event going on at that time, but I sat back to watch and out came Billy Graham. It seemed as if he were talking to me. I always thought that believing in God was being a Christian, but when he explained that we must accept Jesus as our Saviour to be born again, I was quite surprised. In addition to liking sporting events I was a habitual gambler. Most of the time I was able to pay our bills, but sometimes I had gotten in over my head, and then I would have to cover up to my wife. From his message I was beginning to see things in a new light, and as I listened a great feeling came over me, one that I had never experienced before. I went to the bedroom to call my wife and she told me it was the Holy Spirit. After the program was over I told her all the things that I had been keeping from her, including my gambling. I could hardly wait for church the following Sunday to step forward to make a public confession of Jesus Christ as my Saviour.

It hasn't always been easy since then, but I know that it has made our family so much more complete. The day I went forward was the day the New York Yankees and Pittsburgh Pirates were engaged in a World Series game and I didn't even miss not watching it.

I am a mailman by trade, and many people on my route have been so kind to me, and we talk about the new birth. It makes delivering mail a lot easier knowing that people care and are concerned with their letter carrier.

I pray that this testimony can help some reader come to know the Lord because knowing Him has certainly been a blessing to me.

I wish to thank my good friend, Pastor Robert E. A. Miller, and my wife, June, for their help in establishing me in the Christian faith.



BY LLOYD WOOLMAN

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I Knew I Could Not Change Myself

"My Son . . . trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" (Prov. 3:1, 5-6).

About nine years ago God used the above words to finally make me realize that He would guide my life if I would fully trust in Him.

As a child I attended a church that seemed to emphasize a long list of do's and don'ts for a Christian. This frustrated me, because even though I tried to comply with these rules, there was an emptiness in my heart.

In my teens, I knew I needed God to direct my life, and I would often wonder what would happen to me after I died: still, I could not find an answer to my search.

Years went by, and the Lord caused situation after situation to cross my path, each one reminding me that God had not yet received His rightful place in my life.

My wife and I both belonged to the same modernistic denomination, and we felt that this was a common bond. Yet; I can remember many times when my wife said that we needed God in our lives. I feel that the Easter after our first son was born was a turning point in my life. On that Easter we had our son sprinkled and dedicated, and during the service, we vowed before God and man that we would raise our son in a Christian atmosphere; yet in our hearts we knew that this was impossible, for we were not Christians.

One night a few months later my wife and I were discussing things in the Bible, and she asked me if I thought we could live a life apart from the worldly life that we were living. I said that I would really like to, but I knew I could not do it myself. She then asked me to read the Bible with her, but I refused. As I sat there, she put the Bible in my lap and walked into another room. I don't know how long I sat there thinking about how empty and futile it was to live the way that we were; truly the glitter and glamour of the world did not offer any peace for me. I can remember feeling discouraged because I knew that I could not change myself. Finally I glanced at my lap and noticed the Bible was open. These words seemed to stand out in bold print; "MY SON . . . trust in the Lord . . . he will direct your paths." I called to my wife and read these verses to her and it seemed that the Lord was in the room speaking to us. It was a time that I will never forget. This experience caused us to feel the need to talk to someone, but to whom to turn we did not know. We finally thought of a married couple that we knew quite well, but had not seen for a few years. We had heard from some mutual friends that this couple had "become religious," and in their terms "quite fanatic." The next day we decided to visit them, and when we saw the change in their lives, we knew they must have the answer. I asked our friends what had changed their lives, and they promptly told me of God's plan of salvation and invited us to attend the evangelistic meetings which were being held in the First Brethren Church at Sunnyside, Washington. It was during these meetings, under the ministry of Rev. Robert Ashman, that we yielded our lives to Christ. I found peace at last! Praise His name!

What a blessing Proverbs 3:5-6 has been to me these years since I gave my heart to Christ. God has kept His promise by directing my paths, and leading me to Grace Theological Seminary and into the teaching ministry at Grace College. His leading has left a prayer upon my heart: "That I may always be available to help point other peace-searching-souls to Christ."

ETERNAL LIFE RIGHT NOW!

If I were to ask you why Jesus Christ came into the world, what would you say? No doubt a different answer might be given by a dozen people. The Bible tells us in a number of places why He came. He said: "The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10). Paul said: "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (I Tim. 1:15). These passages may be summed up in the words: "I am come that they might have life." Jesus came to give you and me life.

God has put a desire in every heart for life. It can be seen as a new-born calf struggles to stand on its wobbly legs. A hunter sees it as a wounded deer in terror flees into a thicket. A doctor watches it as a patient gasps for life-sustaining breath. God plants it in the heart of every human being, and when men lose that "will to live," they soon die.

Jesus, however, came to give us a different kind of life. He came to give life to men who are already "living" but do not have "life." This may sound like double talk, but its meaning is very evident. All around us are people who appear to be "really livin'," but who are hungry for a life they've never found. Perhaps, though you do not want to admit it to yourself, this is your own condition. As a lady in the city of Chicago recently said to me, "Outwardly there is the broad smile and hearty handshake, but inwardly there is a heavy, burdened heart." It has fallen my lot in recent days to witness three family quarrels and to come in contact with one suicide. These people all outwardly had plenty of material goods, but inwardly were torn by dissatisfaction and heartache. There has never been a time when people possessed more "things," but yet had greater inward needs. Men may be physically alive and healthy, but lack real spiritual life which alone can bring peace and satisfaction. It was this new life Jesus came to give you and me.

You have probably during times of difficulty and adversity stopped to ask yourself the purpose of your life. Just why did God make you, and what is life all about? God made you for one reason—to have fellowship with Him. He made you for himself. However, sin has entered our lives, and thus has separated us from fellowship with God who loves us (Isa. 59:1-2). God is a God of love, but He first of all is holy and cannot condone sin (Hab. 1:13). Sin against an infinitely holy God has only one result—death (Rom. 6:23; James 1:15). The Bible says that death has passed upon all of us, for we all have sinned (Rom. 5:12). This is why, though you may have much materially, you are yet unsatisfied, frustrated, and experiencing a "void" or "empty spot" in your heart. It is because you are spiritually *dead*, and this void can never be filled until you receive the new life of which Jesus spoke.

This is why Jesus Christ died—to give you life. He, who is "the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6), died to pay the penalty of your sin that you might be forgiven before God and receive the *gift* of eternal life (Rom. 6:23). By His own death He paid your price, took your place, and died for you. All your life you have probably known that Jesus died for the world, but did you ever see Him as dying for *you*, taking your place?

The Son of God wants to give you a new life, eternal life. This life can be yours right now. There is but one step between you and a brand new life. This step is the step of faith in Christ as your personal Saviour and Lord. Yes; you've known He died for you, but have you received Him? The Bible says it is to those who "receive him" that God gives the authority to become His sons (John 1:12). This is the momentous decision of life. When you receive Christ, God will give you eternal life—now! He says: "He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life and shall not come into condemnation but is passed from death unto life." When you receive Christ you pass from *death* unto *life*. This is not figurative language! Try it and see! Many people have the mistaken idea that eternal life is something they may get when they die. This is absolutely untrue. Eternal life is the gift of God to you the moment you will receive Christ. "He that hath the Son *hath* life" (I John 5:12). Do you have Christ? You can. This is a matter between you and Him alone. I invite you to receive Him right where you are. Ask Him to be your Saviour, to give you a new life. He has promised that He will (Rom. 10:13; John 6:37).

Elsewhere in this magazine you will read personal testimonies of people who have taken this step of faith and have received Christ as Saviour and Lord. These are not unusual people; they are just like you. You can have the joy and peace of eternal life right now if you will surrender to Christ.



BY DEAN FETTERHOFF

Wheaton, Illinois

MY LIFE
was changed completely

BY
JAMES
KENNEDY

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The first thirty-four years of my life were spent as a member of the Roman Catholic Church. I attended the Catholic school, and my wife and I were married by a Catholic priest. I was perfectly satisfied with my religion. I lived for myself and relied solely on my own judgment in all decisions. My philosophy was that, by attending Mass on Sunday and confessing my sins to the priest whenever my conscience bothered me, I had rendered to God my full duty. For this type of loyalty God owed me a plentiful living.

However, about five years ago my life was changed completely. My wife, who was saved seven years previously, finally, after much prayer and times of trial and tribulation, led me to accept Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour. In a time of desperate need the Lord Jesus relieved me of my burden and took complete control of my life.

My sinful life of the past was washed clean by His blood. I rejoiced in finding an Almighty God who controlled the universe but yet had time to know and love me personally.

The material possessions and worldly attractions that were once so paramount in our lives began to grow dim. The things of God seemed so clean, so refreshing.

These past three years we have felt the Lord leading us into preparation for a full-time ministry. Last summer I resigned from my job, after twenty years with the Mansfield Tire and Rubber Company. The Lord has led us; my wife, three children, and myself to reside at Winona Lake, Indiana, that I may attend Grace Seminary.

Why did God call us so late in life? We don't know. But we *do* know that "All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."



The James Kennedy family. Left to right: Virginia, James, Tim, Cheryl and Dave.

"By attending Mass on Sunday and confessing my sins to the Priest whenever my conscience bothered me, I had rendered to God my full duty . . . and God owed me a plentiful living."

I Thirsted for Peace

BY PAUL CORRAL

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Mr. and Mrs. Paul Corral and family.

"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is long suffering to usward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." I am eternally thankful to God for this portion of His Word. Five years ago I fell before God confessing that I was a sinner and pled that Jesus would come into my life. I have since been intoxicated with the love of God. As a child I was born and raised a Roman Catholic. For thirty years I had believed in God but did not know Him or His Son. Then the Holy Spirit spoke to me and I asked Jesus to rescue me from my sins.

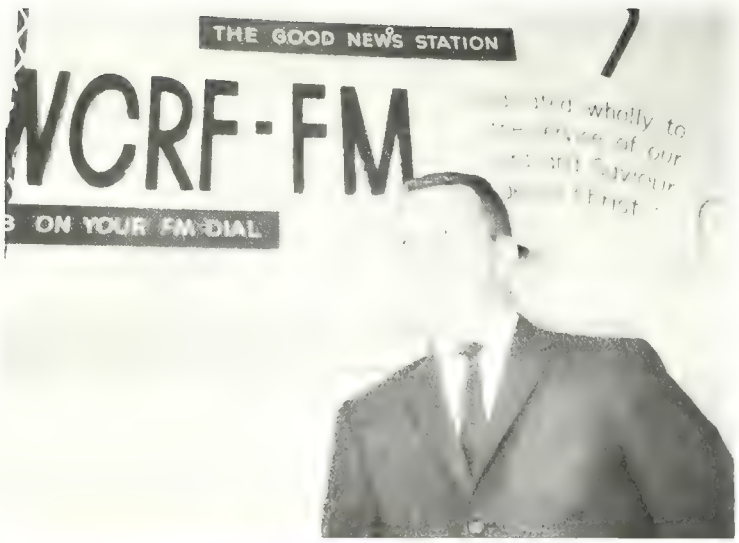
How did this happen? God works in mysterious ways. A friend of mine attended a Baptist church, and there he accepted the Lord as his personal Saviour. Chuck and I rode to work in the same car, and knowing my background he would keep telling me I was going to hell. Everytime Chuck saw me he would say: "Paul, you're going to go to hell." I became troubled and my soul began to hunger for the truth. I thirsted for peace to soothe my soul. My wife grew up in The Brethren Church and many times she tried to lead me to the truth, but I wouldn't listen. For nine years she lived in torment with me. If she had only listened to her pastor, who had advised her not to marry an unsaved man, she could have been spared much pain.

But I thank God daily for my wife who has with God's help remained by my side leading me to the still waters. All of my five children know the Lord. God tells me from His Word to train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it. I am trusting that God will be as faithful to my prayers as He was to those who prayed for me. As I write this testimony I cannot help but recall some of the incidents out of my past: car wrecks, fights, jail, lost memories, hospitals, police court, fines, filthy habits, poker parties, dance halls, and so forth.

- **Fights**
- **Jail Sentences**
- **Police Court**
- **Poker Parties**
- **Filthy Habits**
- **Dance Halls**

". . . my sins have been washed away by the blood spilled on Calvary!"

The Bible says: "The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life." Praise God that my sins have been washed away by the blood spilled on Calvary. Truly I can say with Moses that I would rather suffer afflictions with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season. I know now that I no longer have to go to a priest and confess my sins. I have an advocate with God the Father, His Son the Lord Jesus Christ, who acts as my intercessor. And I know that He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins. The day of the Lord is not far off; the Bible tells us to be witnesses unto the Lord. As Peter and John said: "We cannot but speak the things we have seen and heard." My dear Christian friend let us join together in prayer and witness for our precious Lord. Four years ago I looked into the face of a little old woman, her eyes twitching, her mouth quivering, as she laid half under my milk truck, then life was no more. "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." Are you prepared to meet your Maker? "And him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37).



I Wanted More Freedom and Fun . . .

this salvation business could wait!

BY BOB DEVINE

Bob started his career ten years ago in Walton, New York, and has worked in TV and commercial radio. He is presently engineer-announcer of WCRF-FM, 103.3, Cleveland, Ohio. WCRF-FM is a radio voice of Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Illinois.

For the story of my conversion let's turn the dusty pile of calendars back a decade and a half to a little town nestled in the foothills of the Catskill mountains—Walton, New York. The date: Thursday, October 13, 1947. This circumstance leading to my conversion may be somewhat unusual, but it is lodged in my mind as a day in which the greatest decision in my life was made.

Eleven-year-old boys find many interesting and dangerous things to play with. I was sitting on the front steps leading to the kitchen trying to get a little piece of metal out of my knee. You see, I'd been playing with .22 caliber ammunition, and for lack of a gun set the shell on a rock and fired it by throwing a large stone on it. I failed many times but finally the neighborhood echoed with the big bang of the shell going off! I got a big bang out of it, and one of those big bangs lodged a small shell casing fragment in my knee, nothing serious, so I decided to retrieve it

without the aid of a doctor. You know, so Mom wouldn't find out. While I was working at it my Mom was busy making applesauce and unaware of what had happened, casually commented: "Son, tonight, if you feel the Lord speaking to you why not accept Him as your Saviour." I didn't answer, I just kept trying to get the small piece of metal out of my knee. You see we were having revival meetings at a church in our town and Jack Wyrtzen was to speak. I had heard the "Word of Life" broadcast every Saturday evening, so I was familiar with what Mr. Wyrtzen would say—"Get right with the Lord." I wasn't too interested in doing so, not right now. I wanted more freedom and fun. Then I'd settle down to this salvation business.

I didn't answer Mom, but I sure was thinking. I knew I wasn't saved, and if I died I'd go to an endless lake of fire. But I had lots of time! After all, I was only eleven! I had my whole life before me. I knew all about salvation and accepting Jesus Christ. I believed it was all true, but I realized I had never put it to work for myself. I failed to realize that the devils believe also and they fear and tremble.

I received wonderful Christ-centered training from my Mom. Mom was and still is a shining Christian in my life. Dad went to be with the Lord when I was seven. He was a preacher, a good one, not like so many today who successfully communicate a social gospel packed with soothing, ear tickling words.

Well, it was six o'clock, my knee back to normal again, and time for supper. My sisters, Jean and Alice, brother Paul, and Mom were waiting for me as usual to get my hands washed and ready for the evening meal. We had delicious fresh, homemade applesauce for dessert. M-m-m was it ever good. After supper we got ready for church, and I was convinced it would be a rather "dry" evening, to say the least.

After we got to church we found it was so crowded that my Mom and the rest of the family sat downstairs, filling the last seats and leaving me without one. I got stuck up in the balcony, all alone. I wonder what must have gone through Mom's mind when I left for the balcony! You know how boys carry on in church sometimes. Throw stuff around, whisper and disturb the preacher. Instead of getting with other boys I was ushered near two old men and a few little kids. I didn't get any whispering in, the Holy Spirit did instead. God was at work convicting me of my sin and my need of Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour.

Mr. Wyrtzen was presenting a stirring message. It completely took control of my thoughts. He said: "Unless you trust Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour you're eternally lost to torment in hell fire." I was afraid of hell. I wanted this gift of salvation that only could be given by Jesus Christ. Mr. Wyrtzen said: "Now while your heads are bowed and your eyes closed, will you come to Christ tonight"? The battle ceased

inside. I opened my heart to the Lord and He came in and saved my sinful life. Mr. Wyrtzen was talking to the people downstairs now and I couldn't wait to raise my hand, so I did then, and then again when he called upon those in the balcony. He said: "Yes, I see your hand lad." I remember this as clear as if it were today. Then the hardest part came. "Now those of you who raised your hand come on down to the front in public acknowledgment." I thought I had swallowed my tongue! It seemed as though my heart would jump right out of me! I balked and Jack said, "Come on now"! Just then I remembered the words of Jesus Christ. He said that whoever would be ashamed of Him in this sinful world, He'd be ashamed of them when He comes again. I stood up and walked downstairs and up to the front, a long way. Yes; but Christ walked much farther for me when He bore my heavy sin load up Golgotha's hill, and it was all alone. What a joy it must have been in heaven over one sinner who had repented and come to Christ. I found my new life in Jesus Christ fifteen years ago, now I have eternal life. I was searching for freedom but didn't know the true meaning of being free. I know now that "If the Son therefore shall make you *free*, you shall be free indeed." I experienced this "new life." If you're without this "new life" in Christ please don't put off for another minute your acceptance of Jesus Christ.

Since that day fifteen years ago I can't claim total victory by any means. I've fallen many times and the Lord picked me up. Thanks to the Lord's promise in First John chapter 5. For a believer in Christ we should expect opposition from Satan, the archenemy of our soul. I've found many times that as soon as I feel I've had victory over some Satanic attack, the "serpent" is ready with another more vicious trick to throw my testimony in the mud. I've found one solution, and that is to testify to the lost of the saving power in the Lord Jesus Christ. Satan hates this and when God's people are busy witnessing, it bothers the Devil in a great way. This, to me, shows the power of Jesus' name.

One of my favorite passages of Scripture which speaks to me in an intimate way, is found in Romans 12, Phillips translation: "Don't let the world around you squeeze you into its own mold, but let God remold your mind from within, so that you may prove in practice that the plan of God for you is good, meets all His demands and moves toward the goal of true maturity." I've found that for a believer there is no neutral ground. There is no standing still spiritually. You're either maturing or degenerating.

Today the Lord has provided me a daily opportunity for Christian witness through the ministry of Moody Bible Institute radio station WCRF in Cleveland.

Whenever a ray of doubt comes into my mind as to promises the Lord has given, I recall this brief but potent punch: "God said it, Jesus Christ did it, I believe it, that settles it!"

One thing I was sure of . . .

By Maria A. Beward
Puerto Rico

The plane was about to land, and I knew exactly where I was going. As soon as I was able to, I would go to see June and Jim Dickson. Maybe they would be able to help me. One thing I was certain of, I needed help.

All of my life, as most people of Latin America, I had been a Catholic. I was baptized as a baby; then confirmed when I was four. First communion was at the age of seven, and I continued attending Mass and other Catholic ceremonies until I graduated from high school. I went to the Catholic school and attended daily catechism for twelve years, but I still felt that there was something missing. There was none of that inner peace that I know now, and I did not know Christ as my Saviour. My spirit was nothing but a big empty space, and although I looked at the Sisters, the priest, and our daily routine with deep affection, that didn't satisfy me.

Off to college I went. An exciting new life in which there was not much room for the Lord, or religion. The fad was being a free thinker, a liberal. Then, for the first time I felt a desire to know other religions, not out of a desire to know the Lord, for at that time I did not believe in Him, but as a desire to accumulate knowledge. I went as far as borrowing books from a Christian friend. I read a few pages, and then dropped the matter entirely because of pressure from my family and lack of will on my part.

Two years went by, and I met a Christian young man. Slowly I start getting acquainted with other people from other churches. We were married but still I had not accepted the Lord Jesus as my Saviour. I continued being a faithful attender at the Catholic Church. As time goes by, I feel it satisfied my spirit less and less; yet I was afraid to turn to another religion for help because I had been taught that the Catholic Church is the only true church of Christ and a catholic who would turn away from his faith would be condemned forever. There was such misery in my heart! I didn't know what to do or which way to turn.

Suddenly, some light came into my heart. It came in the shape of a job. There were two kind people by the name of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McNutt, who needed some tracts translated into Spanish to send to Cuba. They go to the local Spanish teacher, but because she had too much work of her own to do they came to me. I am a former Spanish teacher and have done translation work before. The names of the tracts are "Good News," and "Have you been born Again." I read them, and translated them, and reread them. There was a phrase that I could not get out of my mind. Have you been born again? I could not understand its full meaning because I had not been born again.

Two months went by and because of some unhappy events I came back to Puerto Rico.

The plane landed and my family was waiting for me. It was four o'clock in the morning, the day before Easter. We went home immediately and after chatting a while, we went to bed. Early in the morning, I went to visit my friends. They talked to me and then asked me if I had been born again. Here is the phrase again, I said to myself. I answered, "No." Rev. James Dickson proceeded to read different passages of the Bible with me in which I knew Christ as my Saviour; for the first time I believed in Him, and after we prayed I knew that the phrase of being born again was not just a phrase to me anymore, but by the grace of God it was a living thing in me. Praise the Lord.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

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. . . From a Life of Sin

To Proclaiming the Gospel

BY WILLIAM NIEVES

University Student
Puerto Rico

Hello! My name is William Nieves. I am from Puerto Rico, and with my wife and three children, I live near the metropolitan area in a place called Puerto Nuevo.

As you can see, I am a young fellow. I listened one day to spiritual facts that others of my age have rejected. I refer to these wonderful treasures you find in the Bible, or you get when you attend Sunday school, Bible institute, or worship services.

But I was not always like that, there was a time, when I was a fool and lived in a "bunch of sins." There was a time when I, the same as others, and as many young fellows in Puerto Rico, lived only for the "present time" without any hope or interest in the future, and any care for the past. It was like that since I was in my teens until I got married. Of course, I was a "Christian." In my country everybody is a Christian; that is easy, when we claim that Christ is ours without knowing Him personally. In other words, Christ can belong to everybody, but not everybody belongs to Christ. I was a member of the "first everybody klan."

After the third year of my marriage, I joined the Lutheran Church because of my wife's relatives, more than because of Christ. But it didn't change anything, for I continued with the "klan." About that time I accepted an opportunity to work for a glove factory in the western part of the Island, and thus, we moved to the town of Anasco with a population of 17,000. There I became an important person, a sort of general manager of the factory, president of the Parent Teacher's Association, treasurer of the Red Cross, and so forth. And, of course, I started living the way an important person was supposed to live. I visited the church on Sundays, but in that town there wasn't any Lutheran Church, so I visited the Presbyterian Church.

It surprised me, the way the people talked about Christ and salvation and the blood of Christ, but that was not for me. I had no need of that as long as I belonged to the church. But something bothered me—at my office, at the "bar," when I was having a good time with my friends on "social Fridays." It was like a sense of guilt. But guilt for what? Perhaps it was the question of my oldest girl: "Did Papa come home drunk last night?" Perhaps it was the testimony of the pastor that I met everyday while taking the children to school. One day I met the pastor at school and asked him how many ministerial students they had in the church, but he told me they needed "laborers."

This bothered me all the more till one day I took inventory of my life. I concluded that I had everything a person could want: a good position, wife and family, no debts, a new baby boy. Then why was I feeling so worried and hopeless? Then I remembered what the pastor had said. I shouted to the surprise of my secretary, "I want to be a laborer," and ran for the church to see the pastor. He told me that the blood of Christ could cleanse me from sin, and for the first time I realized that I was a sinner and needed Christ. The pastor almost cried when I asked him if a sinner like me could become a minister.

Everybody in that town is still wondering how I could leave my job and move to San Juan without the promise of any work or help to attend the University and someday Seminary.

Well, the Lord Jesus provided for our needs as He promised, and as

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William Nieves and family



By Bob Collitt

That Certain Something

The Bible declares that the way of salvation is so plain that a wayfaring man, even though he be a fool, cannot mistake it. God's plan for saving and redeeming lost men is so very simple. And yet, many are not saved. There always seems to be something which hinders people from becoming Christians.

A rich young ruler once came to Jesus (Mark 10:17-22) inquiring what he must do to inherit eternal life. Jesus rehearsed the law to him and the young man replied that he had kept all the commandments ever since he had been a boy. Jesus, however, told him of something else which he must do. Before taking up the reply of Jesus, let us take a look

at this young man. The Word of God has a way of telling us things in just a few words.

The Bible says that the young man was rich, but we see that his wealth was no aid to his spiritual need. He was a young man. It is always good to see young people coming to Christ, for when a young person is saved, not only a soul but a life is saved. The rich, young man was also a ruler which would indicate that he was familiar with power and prominence and the things which accompany these possessions. He was a moral man. "Master," he said, "all these things have I observed from my youth." This youth was free from many of the worst sins. He hadn't wallowed in the morass and quagmire of sin as so many young folks have. No; he possessed the morality of religion. In fact, had he been living today he probably would have been a church member. Actually, this fellow was such a fine lad that the Scripture says that "Jesus beholding him loved him."

But he wasn't a Christian. He wasn't saved. There was something that hindered him from being able to inherit eternal life. There is always something.

We learn more when we observe how he came to Jesus. He came running, indicating that he was really anxious to be saved. Old-time revival meetings used to provide what was known as an "anxious seat." People who were anxious to meet Christ would come and sit in the anxious seat so that the preacher would be sure to counsel with them concerning their spiritual needs. However, neither the anxious seat nor the anxious people are in vogue any more.

The young man knelt down before Jesus. He was not proud, but humble, respectful. There was nothing repulsive about his manner. His behavior was excellent.

But something hindered this young man. There is always something. The question he asked was the right one. "Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" is the most important question in the world. It reveals a seeking soul, it evidences real wisdom, for the Bible says that the "Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." The interest of most people is in earthly affairs. They are more interested in making money and in having a good time than they are in the things of the soul.

This was a personal question. It always is. Salvation is a personal question, repentance is personal, so is faith. A decision to serve God is a personal thing. The greatest need of man is to ask himself the question: "How can I stand before God?" This was the personal question of the Philippian jailer. Others in the Bible have asked it in other ways. The Ethiopian eunuch asked: "What must I do to be saved?" Cornelius asked the question and Peter was sent to answer it.

The young man felt that there was something which he must *do* in order to be saved, some work of the law that he must do. As a lost person his question was perfectly natural. The world always thinks of salvation as a doing. They do not understand the doctrine of substitution and atonement in Christ.

Jesus looked upon this earnest, seeking young man and saw his condition at once. After questioning him about the commandments Christ said: "One thing thou lackest; go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up thy cross and follow me." This answer shocked the young man. The answer of Jesus reached into his soul. The Lord Jesus had uncovered his idol. Not for one moment had he even dreamed that Jesus would see as He did and say what He did. Jesus put His finger on the great sin in his life. This young man wanted to be saved, but he loved his money more than he loved God, more than he desired salvation.

There is always something. Always something standing between a man and salvation. Many people have said: "Yes; I want to be saved," but that is as far as they have gone, for something has stood between them and Christ. They have not been willing to surrender *all* to Him. It is hard for a man to see that "something" which is keeping him from salvation, because he has rationalized it and excused himself for it so long that he hardly realizes that it is there. But it is. There is always something.

Well, the end of the story is not very pretty. The Bible says that the young man "Was sad at that saying, and went away grieved, for he had great possessions." The Lord had plumbed the depth of his soul and had put His finger on the most sensitive spot in his life. He was willing to do anything for Christ except turn from his riches.

What an awful thing it is for a person to turn away from Jesus. As far as we know, this man was never saved. He could not have his idol and Christ at the same time. He was a good man, but he was lost.

There is always something. What is it in your life?

I WAS A TERRIBLE DRUNKARD

BY JIMMY LOPEZ
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When I first heard the Word of God, I was just a little boy, but I liked what I heard. I was attending the Government school at Towaoc, Colorado, at that time. I wanted to hear more, but I did not hear the Gospel again for many years.

Six years ago I was working at a trading post and living in a tent near the post. One day Evan Adams came to my tent and told me more of the Gospel. It touched my heart and I started attending services at the Brethren Mission. During a Bible conference there in April 1957, I heard the invitation to receive Christ. My oldest son, then eight years old, told me to go up front and I did. I was very embarrassed. I knew my friends would laugh at me. Still, for three months I managed to give up drinking and attended church every Sunday.

Then some oil money came to me and my mother. I bought a new truck, started driving it all around and getting drunk again. In Aztec, New Mexico, I drove my truck into a house and almost killed a man. I was sentenced to six months in jail. I was released after forty days for good behavior, but during that time I heard the Gospel and had much time to think about God.

Again I tried to live right, but I had been such a terrible drunkard that again and again when things became hard, I went back to the old way. My Christian friends at the Mission prayed for me and helped me and never gave up hoping that I would really be saved.

One day my son Lewis heard that a drunken man had been killed on the highway several miles from the Mission. He was afraid it was his father. When I came to church the next Sunday, he was so glad to see me. He begged me to take Christ as my Saviour and live for Him so that he would not grow up to be like me. Mr. Adams, too, told me that many times sons grew up to be like their fathers. I did not want Lewis to be like me. I kept thinking about that.

On August 13, 1961, I publicly acknowledged Christ as my saviour and was baptized. On September 11, I left home with my wife and youngest children to attend Bible school in Cortez, Colorado. I am still going to school there now. My oldest children attend school at the Brethren Navajo Mission and Boarding School. I am happy in the Lord every day. I go out to witness among my own people almost every Sunday. Sometimes I give my testimony in the jail. It is wonderful that I who used to sit in jail can now go there and tell others how the Lord saved me. "For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Matt. 11:30).



Jimmy and Mary Lopez and children

Christ . . . a friend that sticketh closer than a brother



Mr. Richard Holmes

BY MR. RICHARD HOLMES

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I had the privilege to be born into a Christian family and was taken to church and Sunday school before I could walk. I learned to love the Word of God as a child; however, as I grew older, it also was revealed to me that I was a lost sinner and needed a Saviour. At the age of twelve years I accepted Christ as my personal Saviour. He has been a friend that sticketh closer than a brother. My parents opened our home to missionaries, evangelists, and pastors (some of them now with the Lord), which was a great blessing to me.

The Lord has been so good to me through the years in many ways. He guided and protected through my tour of service in World War II, and gave many opportunities to testify of Him—not only to men in the armed forces, but to people of foreign lands. He guided and directed through college and also gave me a fine Christian girl as a wife. We have one little girl who has just completed kindergarten.

The Lord also gave me the privilege of being one of the charter members of the First Brethren Church of Wooster, Ohio. The fellowship of those Christians and pastor, Kenneth Ashman, will never be forgotten. At the present time I am principal of the Wadsworth Junior High School in Wadsworth, Ohio. As a family we are attending the First Brethren Church of Barberton located at Norton Village, Ohio. The Lord has blessed us well throughout the years and I personally would like to recommend Him to all who read this testimony.

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we knew, He would. In His mercy he led me to meet the Brethren missionaries here to whom I owe much of my experience in the Christian Life. (Just between you and me, I have learned many things from the Bible, the Gospel, and about Christ from these Brethren missionaries.) With them I studied a few Books of the Bible and doctrines also in classes held at Rev. Max Brenneman's house, and with Jim Dickson with whom I assisted regularly in the Spanish services. I had the opportunity to study and to preach. I praise the Lord for His grace which transformed my weakness and foolishness into an instrument for the proclamation of the Gospel to my people.

I am still with the Lutheran Church. Once I considered joining The Brethren Church, but I realized that there was a need to preach the Gospel with my countrymen and brethren in the Lutheran Church. Through His grace I hope to go on telling my people that they can be delivered from their sins and from "the valley of the shadow of death." When I have an opportunity, I fellowship with the Brethren missionaries and given them assistance, and they give me teaching and counsel.

Prayer: "Our Heavenly Father, I praise and thank Thee for Your patience with me, for Thy help, and for the newness of life which only Thou canst give." Amen.

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I COULDN'T BUY IT!

BY BOB MAGNUS

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I am a condemned sinner saved from eternal death to eternal life through God's miracle. What happened? Why is my salvation so different that it took a miracle? Very simple, for you see nothing in this world, nor anything this world has was sufficient to pay the penalty for my sins, it took the blood of Jesus Christ, God's miracle, to save me from eternal hell.

How could this wonderful thing happen to me? Certainly not through any or all of my works, and my bank account has always been low, but even if I owned the whole world, I could not buy eternal fellowship with the Almighty God. To be honest, I did nothing. I couldn't do anything. God did it all! Yes; God, through His only Son Jesus Christ, purchased me at a price which is impossible to estimate. For Jesus left His throne in glory, for me, a sinner, and loved me so much He gave me life—yes, eternal life a free gift.

This miracle happened in my heart on December 4, 1960, in the Grace Brethren Church, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. I am now a fellow heir with Jesus Christ for all of God's eternal joys and riches, and I thank my God constantly for this wonder of wonders. I also thank God for a wonderful pastor, Ralph Colburn, for God used this faithful servant of His to unfold life itself to me. High on my prayer list is a fervent request that Ralph may always cherish the precious fellowship he has with Jesus Christ.

I thank God for this and for all other opportunities to share with others the miracle of my born again experience. *Praise God for Jesus.*

PERSONAL COMMITMENTS TO CHRIST

NOW THERE'S REAL LIFE!

BY EDGAR HORN

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I am grateful for the opportunity to give my testimony concerning Christ the Saviour of my heart and life. I am not a writer, but a "sinner saved by grace," so I will jot down my testimony as it comes from my heart.

In I Peter 3:15, we have a command to "be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you." After living in sin for thirty years, in a "so-called" Christian nation, I was never once told that God gave His only begotten Son to die on the cross to take away my sins. Finally I was told the message of salvation and I never cease to praise God for my new life in Christ.

After I invited Christ into my life, I have had a complete change in my life, just as it tells us in II Corinthians 5:17: "Old things are passed away; behold all things are become new." Where there was once a desire for the sinful things of this world, there is now a desire for the things of God; where teachings from parents and friends were that every one had to look out for himself and let the other person look out for himself, there is now a desire to help others and to witness to them.

I am so thankful that every one didn't feel this way. I am thankful that others had been changed by the blood of the Lamb and desired to tell others of Christ. I am thankful that they were faithful in witnessing to me and after two years my life was changed, and I became a new creature in Christ Jesus.

Where there was once just a philosophy for living, now there is a real life. Where there was uncertainty, now there is assurance. Where there was no love, now there is real love. Where there was no compassion, now there is compassion.

My prayer is that all of us who claim the name of Christ, will have more convictions based upon the Word of God pertaining to our Christian living, and that we will be willing to follow these convictions so that our blessed Saviour may be glorified.

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The Editor's Comments

Let Freedom Ring!

Just at this time of the year our minds have been turned to fireworks and displays, with many speeches and much oratory about our liberty and freedom. Yes; patriotic songs are being sung—and they should be.

There are precious heritages we have here in the United States, heritages and liberties for which brave men fought and died. We are in increasing danger of losing these liberties. Political speakers acknowledge this fact, and have suggestions to correct the situation. Anti-communist crusaders point out the dangers to our liberties, and rightly so. It behooves all of us to do all we can to preserve the liberties and the freedoms which we have.

These liberties, however, are only temporary and partial. And, they will continue ineffective and partial as the people who enjoy them are imperfect and sinful. But there are greater liberties—liberties which do not depend on the one who enjoys them. These are the liberties which God gives to us in the salvation He provides, and in the life that results, the life in Christ Jesus.

"Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage" (Gal. 5:1). The right of this liberty does not depend on us. Christ "hath" made us free. It is necessary for us to avail ourselves of the glorious privileges of this liberty. In Colossians 1:12 and 13, the great Apostle bursts forth in thanks to God in the words: "Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son." Again in II Corinthians 1:10 the same apostle refers to God: "Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us." Deliverance is in the past from the penalty of sin, in the present from the power of sin, and in the future from the very presence of sin. This is true liberty. Man does not produce it. God gives it. The danger in this is not that we will lose it, but that we will fail to appreciate it to the full.

A lost world knows nothing of this true liberty. It will never know unless those who have this liberty in Christ tell the story of salvation to those who are lost. Your foreign missionaries have dedicated their lives to the telling of this story. We can do nothing less than tell the story where we are, and back those who are where we are not. Support your foreign missionaries with your prayers and with your gifts.

I'm Thrilled!

Ten weeks—sixty churches—and I'm thrilled! Several weeks ago Mrs. Barnard and I completed such a tour of our southern and eastern churches—and I am thrilled.

Local congregations are having great victories. A few pastors and congregations are having hard struggles, but God is giving grace and I believe victories are just ahead. The great majority of congregations are chalking up substantial gains over the reports of a year ago. Then it was a great joy to have services in several congregations that did not even exist at the time of our last visitation in those areas.

Home Missions has had great victories. Most of those congregations in which I ministered have been assisted by Brethren Home Missions at some time in their history. We had services in several new church buildings where the congregations were being assisted by the Home Missions Council in one way or another.

Grace schools have a large place in the hearts of our Brethren people. It is almost a daily occurrence that parents say, "Do you know Mary?" or, "Do you know John?" "They're in Grace!" We are sorry that so frequently we are not personally acquainted with these fine young people. But there are many students in Grace schools, and we are only at Winona Lake for about half the average school year. "Have they started to build?" is the usual question. Well, we are just as anxious about this as are any other Brethren, and were so thrilled with the news that ground had been broken.

We see the *Brethren Missionary Herald,* the Sunday school and youth publications and others of our Brethren publications representing our "Hands of the Churches." We rejoice in victories all along the way.

But Brethren Foreign Missions is *our* passion. What have we discovered? Well, there is a growing interest in Brethren Foreign Missions. In 1900 the Foreign Missionary Society was a very unwelcomed baby in The Brethren Church family. But today . . .? I suppose there is no theme that moves the hearts of our Brethren people more deeply than the plea for Brethren missionaries and the Brethren Mission.

People are doing something about it. In 1961 with $346,000, we had the greatest offering in our history—an increase of almost twelve percent over 1960. For 1962, our board of trustees reviewed the needs and opportunities and used the eliminator wherever possible—even in many places where it hurts terribly—and came up with an estimated expenditure of $384,000. That is over $1,000 per

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THE SOURCE OF MISSIONS



By Dr. Orville D. Jobson

Today when the missionary enterprise is passing through unprecedented and climactic world events produced by the spread of communism, nationalization, and racism, it is essential that we, God's people, entrusted with the ministry of reconciliation, assure our hearts that the basic and fundamental truths of missions are Biblical and God-given.

The word *missions,* and all the mental images created by it, is so familiar to us that we do not stop to consider the validity of the basic fundamentals of the movement. Missions have always been part and parcel of the total ministry of the church, and we take for granted that this is a part of our church activities. Especially is this true when the program is proceeding normally and experiences success and victory.

But now, the tide has turned and reverses are being encountered. The ground swell of problems produced by the constant pressure of political and economic upheavals the world over has directly effected the on-going of the missionary endeavor. Beginning with the communist control of China in 1949, to the debacle in the Congo in 1960, missions have faced unparalleled crisis, and the end is not yet. Deep concern is being felt in all missionary circles from the executive secretaries of the boards down to the isolated missionary in the most primitive area of the world. Evangelical missions have not been spared these baffling experiences.

Furthermore, evangelical churches and Bible-believing supporters of missions follow very closely these ever-changing events in the mission fields of the world. They are sympathetic, but also concerned. They hear of closing doors, and of the transfer of missionaries from one area of the world to another. They see missionaries come on furlough and remain in the homeland. With few exceptions, those who do return lack the fervent desire to get back that once characterized furloughed missionaries. Missionary-minded believers continue to support missions, but there has been a sharp decline in the total giving, which further aggravates the situation for missionaries and mission executives.

As an antidote to this state of affairs, there are two things that we must do. First, assure our hearts, from the Word of God, that missions are God-given. That the ministry of missions comes from God himself. That He is the Author. That this is His work, and that we are His workmen. We need that assurance. We need it now, today. It will bolster our confidence, raise our hopes, and strengthen our faith.

Second, we must let this truth so permeate us and possess us that there will be an upsurge of interest, zeal, and sacrifice, enabling us to meet the emergencies of the present hour. We dare not give way to defeatism. Satan has his strategy, and he would thwart the plan and purpose of God if he could. But if God be for us, who can be against us?

Let us begin at the beginning. Where does the idea of missions come from? What is its source, and from whence did it rise? A Biblical answer to this question should impart to us assurance, boldness, and determination.

At the outset, we can be sure that missions are not of human genesis. The idea did not originate in the mind and heart of man. The source is farther back than that. It was certainly not conceived by the ancients, neither by the patriarchs who walked with God nor the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. Otherwise they would have said so.

The Apostle Paul was the first missionary of the church age, but he did not invent missions. William Carey was the founder of the modern missionary movement, but he did not originate missions.

It is important that we go back to the ultimate source of missions.

Some believe that missions began with the giving of the great commission by our Lord Jesus Christ. It is true that this is the beginning of Christian missions, which is the great "first work" of the church. Actually, the church now operates under this missionary manifesto. But the ultimate source of missions goes farther back than the giving of the great commission as recorded in the Gospels.

Others would establish the beginning of missions with the call of Abraham, when God said unto him: "In thee shall all of the families of the earth be blessed" (Gen. 12:1-3). To be sure the [illegible] of a people through [illegible] God would

provide, in due time, a Saviour for the world. But the true source of missions goes beyond that point.

The Word of God abundantly confirms that the origin of missions is ultimately to be found in the heart of God. John 3:16 affirms that "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." This is the central text of missions, and it is evident from this declaration that the source of missions is in the heart of God, the true fountain of love, for God is love. Without love there would be no missions. For it is the eternal love of God that reaches out to redeem men and to take them into fellowship with himself.

Out of the heart of God proceed His redemptive purpose and plan for lost men. The first movement of that plan is revealed in Genesis 3:15 where God first announces the coming of a Redeemer. Then step by step, through the Old Testament and into the New, we see events steadily advancing toward the incarnation, the death, and the resurrection of the Saviour, who gave His life a ransom for many. "For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved" (John 3:17). The Word makes it plain that it was God who "was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself" (II Cor. 5:19). Furthermore, we read in II Peter 3:9 that God is "not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

Here, then, is the source of the missionary idea: the heart of God. We might say that missions are the heart-idea of God, for it proceeds from His heart.

The passage in II Corinthians not only declares that "God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself," but it also states that God "hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation." In the final analysis then, it is God who has commissioned us in the ministry of missions. This is the declaraton we need. Missions are not of man, not even of the most holy or godly. God alone is the Source and the Author. Missions, like our faith, do not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

Knowing this, what manner of men ought we to be? God wills that all men be saved, and "come unto the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time" (I Tim. 2:3-6). If we could catch the vision of all that this means, it would transform our thinking and our living, our praying and our giving. We speak of needing to be challenged! What greater challenge do we need than this?

So, no matter what may be the exterior tensions that effect the missionary endeavor of the church in this hour of crisis, let us assure our hearts that this is God's work. But let us not be slack in the part that is ours. Victory belongeth to our God, and He will accomplish His purpose. Yea, "all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord" (Num. 14:21).

On Africa's Changing Scene--

Some of the main news is the lack of news about some tremendous happenings in the Central African Republic. The most recent developments are the nationalizing or "unifying" of the French schools, bringing them under government control and operation, and the establishment of national youth camps which all young men between sixteen and thirty years of age will be required to attend.

In the school program all elementary and secondary schools will be affected. Bible schools and the School of Theology will not be affected. The law enacted makes way for the taking over of all Mission French schools in the republic, even to the confiscation of all properties and equipment now being used in these schools. The uncertain thing is whether this will be a gradual process and negotiable, or a complete and immediate take-over. Missionaries have no information to date. It is very probable that even the government, after having taken this general action, will need some time to implement what has been done. All building operations in relation to the French schools have been suspended. Even the construction of the James Gribble Memorial High School will not begin until the FMS has some very assuring guarantees from the government.

In the Mission youth work the news seems even more startling. The first camp in this program has already been set up. Eventually all the young men of the country will be brought into the program. Apparently the government desires a plan of training that will make a hard-working Africa in future years. Leaders of Israel have been invited to counsel and lead in the new camp, and an effective program will probably come from this energetic young nation. There may be areas in the youth work in which the Mission can negotiate, and use may yet be made of some of the boys' work. It is hoped the Israeli leaders will be favorable to having Protestant teaching groups for the Protestant boys in the program.

The FMS office will give further information on these matters as rapidly as it is received. In the meantime, prayer is requested that nothing shall hinder the training of young Africans for Christian service and Christian living—this is the burden of the Mission's purpose in Africa.

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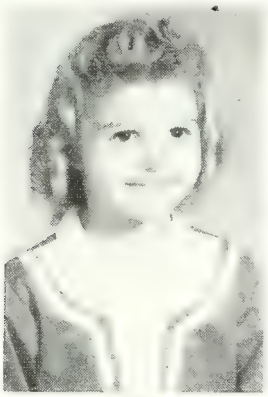
day and is just about a ten percent increase over the offerings of 1961.

There is at least one alarming note. In the first five months of 1962 we dropped behind the first five months of 1961 by about $38,000. To continue in this direction would produce dire consequences. But, I do not believe the One who has blessed so bountifully in the saving of thousands of souls in our seven fields will permit such a happening. Please pray with us that this dark picture will soon be changed!

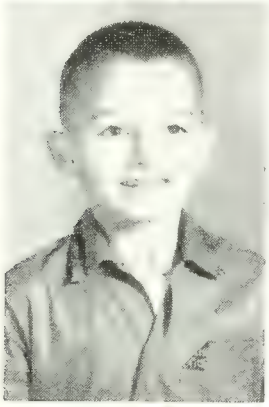
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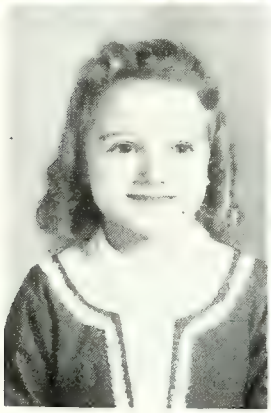
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KNOWING YOUR MISSIONARIES

Rev. and Mrs. Jake Kliever were born in Canada, but both families moved to Oregon while the children were young. Both Mr. and Mrs. Kliever attended the Bible Institute of Los Angeles before going to Africa in 1938. They have served the Lord as missionaries in that country since then. Mr. Kliever is now the Field Superintendent, and they live in the capital of the Central African Republic, Bangui. The Klievers have two daughters, Anne and Donna. Both are married and living in the USA.

MARY MISSIONARY—



OUR NATIONAL LEADERS IN BRAZIL

By Rev. J. Keith Altig

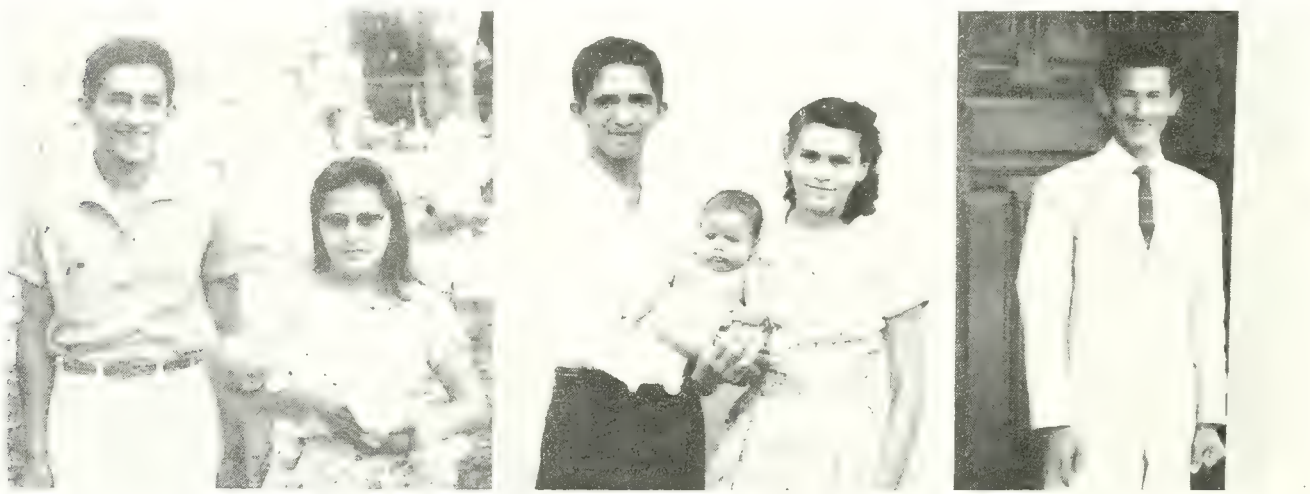
Since the beginning of the work in Brazil it has been our goal to see the churches established on an indigenous basis. To accomplish this requires that the pastors be Brazilian nationals. The Lord has been very gracious in answering the prayers of His people in this respect, and as a result there are three young Brazilian men now serving in full-time service in our work for the Lord.

Oldest of the three but still single, Raimundo Cardoso has recently become the pastor of the Icoaraci congregation. He was one of the first converts and became active immediately in the work. After a full day of employment as a shoe salesman, Raimundo would stop by the home of the missionary and study the Bible. He learned the names of all the books of the Bible and their groupings in less than a week although the entire material was completely new to him. When Brother Jack Zielasko assumed the responsibility of the work after being on the field less than six months, Raimundo was especially helpful. He possesses a wonderful singing voice and would thrill any congregation in the States. He recently had to undergo prolonged treatment for tuberculosis but seems to be entirely recovered and is seemingly very happy in the pastorate.

The other two young men are married and each couple has a little boy, so the prospects are bright for future generations of preachers. Hilton Martins and his wife, Rubenita, are serving in a small town up-river from Macapa where they have a Bible school, church, and day-school program going. All three of these young men are from the Icoaraci congregation, but the testimony of Hilton is especially impressive in our town. He was saved from a notorious life of sin and one of his friends said of him that he was no longer Hilton Martins but an entirely different person. Through his testimony both his father and mother were brought to a knowledge of the Lord and are now active members of the church. His father, a noted gambler in the town, set a certain month when he would accept the Lord and waited until that time to make a public confession. It was thought that he had gambling debts to pay off and would not bring reproach on the church by identifying himself with it until these debts were paid.

Saved when he was just a lad and active in the church and Sunday school ever since, Joao (John) Barbosa is the youngest of the preacher boys. His wife, Belemzita, is a girl from the Capanema work who has had a little time of study in the Bible institute of which her husband, the other men, and Rubenita are all graduates. The Barbosas have recently gone to a city near Capanema to begin a new work. Not long ago a family from the Capanema church moved to this city, Capitao Poco by name, and they are helping to get the work organized. Good interest is reported and attendance in some services as high as sixty with decisions already having been made for the Lord. All of the organized churches on the field made contributions to get this work started, so it can be said that it is close to being a purely Brazilian effort.

These workers need prayer support, as well as financial backing. The time may be closer than we think when the entire work will rest on the shoulders of these and other workers. Continue to be faithful in remembering these whom the Lord has thrust out into the whitened harvest fields.



Left to right: the Barbosa family; the Martins family; Raimundo.

By Rev. J. Paul Dowdy



Something New in Argentina

Most missions in the past have been opened and operated with the missionaries in charge assuming all of the responsibility and actually doing most of the work. The results have not been satisfactory. The missionary has worn himself out and has been left with the sad realization that the most desired objective had not been achieved; that is, a locally supported, self-administered, and self-propagating church.

For years in Argentina we have been struggling with the problems involved in the transfer of responsibilities from missionaries to Argentine Christians. The reasons for difficulty in such a transfer are obvious. The Argentine believers are only human. To them it just seems easier to let the missionary continue to do the work. Then, too, the inexperienced members are reluctant to assume responsibilities and do the work that the missionaries, more experienced, are doing satisfactorily. So, when a congregation takes complete charge of preaching services, Sunday school, and all of the other activities of a church program, that is something new, and is cause for rejoicing. Rejoice with us, for you have had a part in this achievement. This is the keynote of this brief article concerning the establishment and operation of the church in the northern section, locally known as "Banda Norte," of the city of Rio Cuarto, Argentina.

Until the organization of the Banda Norte church, we had only one congregation in that city of approximately 75,000 inhabitants. About the year 1952, while Brother Lynn Schrock was in charge of the work in Rio Cuarto, the Lord led his people to see the need of a second church in that city. In the membership of the Rio Cuarto church there were some twenty-five or more persons who lived at a considerable distance on the north side of the river. This was a growing residential section and presented a real opportunity to reach a larger portion of the population with the message of the Gospel.

A large corner lot was bought on the main avenue in Banda Norte, and plans for building began immediately. But, as in most cases, there were insufficient funds. During the slow process of raising money, certain local situations developed which made it seem advisable to postpone building, but the building fund was kept before the church as an important project, and offerings for this purpose were received regularly.

Then after our arrival on the field in 1957 it was decided to go ahead and get started with the building. True to Argentine procedure, there was considerable delay in getting plans drawn and approved, along with the necessary municipal permits. The plan was to put up first only a small building at the rear of the lot to serve for Sunday school rooms. Later, when funds might be available, the church auditorium would be built. This small first unit should have taken only a few months to complete, but it was not to be done so quickly. Due to various causes, sometimes shortage of certain materials, at other times lack of money, the work was held up. Thus, this first part of the building project was not completed until about the middle of 1960.

Most of the members living in that area brought their church letters from the old church on Rivadavia in Rio Cuarto, and the membership of the new congregation was organized. A dedication service was held in which the missionary did not even take a part. This was to be a completely Argentine Brethren church. The speaker for the occasion was Horacio Bettinalio, a graduate of our Bible Institute, pastor at La Carlota.

No Argentine pastor was available to head up this new work, so the preaching, teaching, and administrative responsibilities of the church were placed entirely in charge of the members of the congregation. Two of the young men and one young lady had completed a six-year night-school course in our Bible Institute. Three other young men had done some of the courses in night classes, and two young ladies were graduates of the regular three-year course in the Bible Institute. This gave the new congregation an unusually good group of trained members to carry on the work.

Now after nearly two years, we are happy to report that this congregation is prospering in the Lord's work. Personal-work groups go out periodically covering sections of the community with a house-to-house ministry. The Sunday school has grown, and with some money already available, plans are being made to enlarge the Sunday school building. Also, they are praying that before too long they may be able to go ahead with the construction of the main part of their church.

While in Banda Norte the members of the congregation have taken complete charge of all the work of their church, in all of our Argentine churches capable members are taking a greater part in the activities and assuming more of the responsibility.

Your missionaries are encouraged. We want you to be encouraged, for we feel that we are entering a new era in the Argentine work that shall present greater opportunities for expansion. To be sure, [illegible] greatly increased expense. We are counting on you to have a greater part than ever before in the joys of this ministry of [illegible]

MISSIONARY MAILBAG

Bozoum, Central African Republic

Greetings from Bible Institute. It is a hot Sunday afternoon (May 27), and it hasn't rained for a while. Everything seems that deadly quiet when no one leaves the house because of the heat. The Lord is blessing, and I can say that this month has been full of blessing, as well as struggles and hard times.

There is much on our hearts to ask you to pray for, most of which you have already heard about. Most of all, pray for each of our personal lives, that we may be model believers—which I feel is THE most important thing these days here in Africa. Our church out here is growing *very* much like us—and in some ways we are disappointed, only to discover that they have copied US!

Classes are about two-thirds finished for this semester in the B.I. The Lord has blessed, and I can speak for the women's classes that the students have manifested a great hunger to learn. We are thrilled that the new system has worked much better; that is, dividing them according to their ability instead of dividing them according to seniority.

Miss Kent finished out this week in the Children's School. The children are eager to go home, and the Lord has kept them from serious incident this semester.

Colette Steudler is preparing the first issue of our new French journal (an inter-mission effort) this June. Pray that this may indeed be a blessing. The Sango *Trompette* is good, but needs more workers. Many interesting letters are received from its readers.

Life moves fast here and we hardly can keep up. . . .

—Lois Ringler

Wahiawa, Hawaii

God is blessing in a continued measure. In March our Waipio young people took second place in a YFC-sponsored contest; the church that beat us was a large Baptist church. We enjoyed a fine service with Mr. Gaston Singh speaking, under YFC, in April. He was going through from India. We and our people had a good time together in the Lord. In the past two weeks the Lord permitted us to see four decisions, three young people and a mother. Then my wife is seeing decisions weekly in her week-day Bible classes. Our adult classes are continuing and are a blessing, but we're not seeing the growth, numerically, that we would like. Those who are attending are growing, but we are failing to reach out. We note this same characteristic in the Sunday school and church services. Pray we may see victory in this respect, as well as in spiritual measures.

—Rev. Foster Tresise

Bouca, Central African Republic

As you probably know, the Bouca church was the first church that came under the building and loan program. Their contract called for the five-year debt to be paid off by June 1 of this year. We are happy to report that the debt was paid off three months ahead of time. There were several times during the course of the five years that we sometimes wondered whether they would be able to keep up with their yearly payments. We don't know where the church council members got the idea, but they asked for a mortgage burning. So during the regular Sunday morning service, the church council and the pastor of the church gathered on the platform and before the people, the pastor lit the match, and the mortgage went up in flames. Afterwards he led in prayer, and then the congregation sang a song of praise. Now the church is hoping to gather money to cement the floor of the building. The attendance is down at this time of the year (650) as a number of people have sold their cotton and now have gone to "the bush" in search of meat and honey.

—Rev. Roy Snyder

Icoaraci, Brazil

The last meeting in Santo Antonio was our most poorly attended. Satan is still working to hinder. When we were ready to leave home, we discovered a flat tire. We changed the tire, and before we had the gate shut behind us the rain came. It rained hard most of the way to Santo Antonio. We were about one hour late arriving there due to the tire and low visibility. The rain continued steadily and fairly hard, thus hindering our pre-service calling program. We had only fifteen out for the meeting—all men! The women and children remained at home. We were feeling, to say the least, a little discouraged. How our hearts did leap with joy when at the close of the service a young man in his early twenties accepted the Lord. He has missed only one service and has been very attentive at all services, and praise the Lord, he reads.

Allow me to give a prayer request. We have one family that appears to be very interested. This man has thought much about the Word and the differences between our teaching and that of the priest, but he is undecided about this "new way" we are teaching. Pray for this family. His wife, Dona Raimunda, is also interested. She tells me (as they say here), "It is very pretty," meaning, "I am interested." They both read and would be a real asset to our work in that community.

The Lord has been good to us health-wise, for which we truly praise Him. And, we also praise Him for protection. Just this afternoon Nathan, our three-year-old, rode the tricycle off the porch, down nine cement steps, and then he and the

bike rolled halfway down a steep hill. He could have been badly hurt, but praise God he has only a skinned nose and was badly shaken up.

—Mrs. George Johnson

Yaloke, Central African Republic

Mary Lois Miller and I came to Yaloke on Tuesday (May 15). We had a truckload of her things, for she will be taking over here while Mary Beth (Munn) is gone home for furlough. Lois is especially well trained in obstetrics, so I'm sure she will find plenty to challenge her here. We had a tiresome trip, but praise the Lord for His undertaking for us. We had car trouble twice, but both times the Lord was good. Once the car had no more than stopped until a group of local gendarmes came along. They lifted the hood on the car—and I let them do it with fear and trembling. You don't like to have just everyone tinkering—but it was apparent that this man knew what he was doing, as he took the gas filter off and cleaned it for us. We got within walking distance of Yaloke when the thing again balked. This time Wayne Beaver came and got it started. He cleaned the filter again and told us how to do it if we needed to. I just hope that we won't, but it is nice to know in case. As Mary Ann Habegger came in on the plane Sunday, we are looking forward to getting her and bringing her to Boguila to help in the work there. That is her old stomping ground so I'm sure that she'll adjust quickly and get ready for work.



Austin and Shirley (Robbins) have been very busy in youth work, and for the past few months have been gone from Boguila more than they've been there. Our light plant is not working at the present time and we're having trouble getting parts for it. I'm hoping that I will find parts in Bangui when I get there. Of course, when the light plant doesn't work that means that the dental work is held up, too. There are lots of people who are waiting for the plant to get fixed so they can get their teeth worked on. We had to dig out our kerosene lamps again. I've been using an Aladdin lamp and it is a wonder the mantle has kept on going. It has had a big hole in it for several months, but since it is the only one I have, it has to do.

They had a reception here last night in honor of Mary Beth and Mary Lois. There must have been about forty people here. The college boys from Evelyn Schumacher's class sang a couple of numbers. One of them was "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" in English. They did a very good job, too. We made open-face sandwiches for a couple of hours yesterday afternoon. It was all very nice.

—Mary Cripe

Cotijuba Island, Brazil

Briefly, *the work:* Three congregations. Three island married couples and one young person baptized so far this year. An evangelist living and working with each congregation partly self-employed (fishing, agriculture), partly by *tithes* of the Brethren, partly to date also by the Mission. They are to take over the work (permanently, I pray) when I leave for furlough. Imogene has day school. First grade only. Includes Bible class every day. Two of the sixteen pupils have made decisions so far. Her Cotijuba WMC meets twice monthly. I have a Bible institute for my three preachers every Wednesday on Jaguar Island. Completed in minute detail *Bible Truths.* Now completing Fountain of Life (Madison, Ga.) correspondence courses.

Gratefully, *the miracle:* Malaria kills 3,000,000 per year. From time we began to build on Cotijuba, there was one death from the fever per month for seven months. Then I began to agitate (as we say) in the midst of the government offices of the *Eradication of Malaria.* Brought thousands of pills to Cotijuba. (Bought them myself when I couldn't get them by begging.) Brought 120 kilos of American DDT powder, a Stateside pump, and a Brazilian guard of the anti-malarial service. All the 109 homes on the island have been sprayed. Results are fantastic. February and March are the worst months for malaria since they are wettest. Most of the other islands are burying folks all the time. Tomorrow's baptism on Saint Anthony Bay won't come off. Daughter of couple to be baptized is in hospital with malaria—perhaps already in heaven, for her condition was very serious yesterday. When we came to Cotijuba, there was someone with fever all the time in nearly *all* the homes of the island! Now it's most rare! And the people gratefully say, "*Gracas a Deus.*" Yes; it's made a good impression for the Gospel here, but it makes us cry (and sometimes, actually!) to see the need on the other islands where there is no one to help the people. Tomorrow I'm taking a bottle of pills to Pastor Trinity for this work. Pastors Benjamin (of Possum Island) and Arthur (of Cotijuba's lower point) already have them on hand for the people in their neighborhoods.

—Rev. Bill Burk

THE BIG NEWS

MEMBER EPA EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION

SAN BERNARDINO, CALIF. Rev. and Mrs. Emlyn Jones, pastor and wife of Grace Brethren Church, announce the birth of Julia Kay, May 27. The new daughter weighed 7 lbs. and 8 oz.

LANSING, MICH. The Michigan District Fellowship of Brethren Churches was held at the Grace Brethren Church, July 6-7. Lee Crist was moderator and J. Ward Tressler, host pastor.

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA. The Iowa District Conference of Brethren Churches was held at the Grace Brethren Church, June 29-30. Forrest Jackson was moderator and Roy Dice, host pastor.

SUNNYSIDE, WASH. The pioneers of the church were honored at the annual picnic held in the new fellowship hall of the First Brethren Church, June 24. Rev. and Mrs. Robert Williams, Brethren missionaries to Africa, were the special speakers. H. Leslie Moore, pastor.

FORT WAYNE, IND. Miss Edith Geske, Brethren missionary nurse to Africa, was the guest speaker at Grace Brethren Church, June 17. Glen E. Crabb, pastor.

WHEATON, ILL. The headquarters office of the National Association of Evangelicals has completed its move to a new $100,000 building just north of the city limits of Wheaton. The new building, which is adjacent to the recently completed offices of Youth for Christ International, is of a modern bi-level design. A formal dedication is planned for later this fall.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Rev. and Mrs. William Kolb, 143 Glenwood Dr., Ashland, Ohio. Tel. 3-6641. Rev. and Mrs. Howard Vulgamore, 300 13th St., Winona Lake, Ind.

TAOS, N. MEX. Mark Malles, pastor of the First Brethren Church of Fort Wayne, Ind., held a two-week Bible prophecy and evangelistic meeting at the Canon Brethren Church, June 13-24. Brother Malles was the pastor of the church here in 1945. Rev. Sam Horney is the present pastor. Practical Christianity was put into practice by 14 high schoolers of the Canon Brethren Church recently. These Brethren youth became "slaves" for one day. They washed, waxed, and polished the mission busses, cleaned the church yard and the Community Youth Building, and gave the Brethren Guest House a new look with soap and water.

JEFFERSON CENTER, PA. Fred Shuss, recent graduate of Grace Seminary, accepted the call to become pastor of the Calvary Brethren Church here. He began his ministry June 3. His address is R.R. 4, Butler, Pa.

MARTINSBURG, PA. Rev. and Mrs. John Terrell announce the birth of a daughter, Betsy Lou, born May 31. Brother Terrell is pastor of the First Brethren Church here.

HAGERSTOWN, MD. The "Grace Brethren Home for the Retired" was recently incorporated in the State of Maryland with the eight pastors of the Mid-Atlantic District serving as the board of trustees for the present. It is intended to service our five eastern seaboard districts. Contributions should be sent to the treasurer, Rev. Jack K. Peters, 241 Bryan Place, here. Information may be obtained from the president of the ministerium, Rev. Robert Crees, 250 Philadelphia Ave., Waynesboro, Pa.

WAYNESBORO, PA. Robert D. Crees has been called to serve another year as pastor of the First Brethren Church. He had served as pastor here for the seven year period during 1937 to 1944. After preaching in other churches for 15 years, he was called back as pastor for a second term in 1959. On September 1 he will begin his eleventh year of ministry at this church.

ALBANY, OREG. The guest speaker at the Grace Brethren Church on June 24 was Bruce Button, Brethren Missionary to the Jews. Nelson E. Hall, pastor.

DENVER, COLO. Herbert Philbrick, who for nine years worked with the Communists while counter spying for the FBI, will speak at the National Sunday School Convention in Denver, Colo., Oct. 12, 1962.

BEAUMONT, CALIF. David Hocking, national Brethren Youth Director and student at Grace Theological Seminary, was guest speaker at the Cherry Valley Brethren Church, June 17.

DRYHILL, KY. Herman Hein, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Troy, Ohio, will be holding revival meetings at the Brethren Chapel here July 8-13. Miss Evelyn Fuqua is the missionary stationed at Dryhill.

LONG BEACH, CALIF. Curtis Mitchell has resigned as assistant pastor at North Long Beach Brethren Church. He will be taking graduate work at Western Seminary in Portland, Oreg. Dale Henry has accepted the position left vacant by Brother Mitchell.

WHITTIER, CALIF. The Community Brethren Church reached a new missionary offering goal of $15,000 following a strong mission emphasis during Mar. 25-Apr. 1.

NOTICE: The Westminster Hotel was inadvertently omitted from the Conference Accommodations listed on page 348 of the June 2 issue of the Missionary Herald. Include this hotel in your considerations of a place to stay while attending the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches during Aug. 13-19. Westminster Hotel, Winona Lake, Ind. Phone: 267-8147.

GLENDALE, CALIF. The Heralds of Grace quartet, with Rev. Arnold R. Kriegbaum, dean of men at Grace College, conducted chapel services at Gospel Light Publications, June 19.

ANKENYTOWN, OHIO. Gary Beal, a member of the First Brethren Church, and a senior this fall at Bellville High School, was the school's representative to Boy's State at Miami of Ohio University, June 14-24. Gary is a prospective student at Grace College. Miss Edith Geske brought a missionary challenge in our VBS.



Churches IN THE News

PERU, IND.

A blessed week of revival and evangelistic services with Rev. Scott Weaver of Osceola, Ind., concluded on Sunday, June 17, at the Peru Brethren Church. The church was wonderfully refreshed and strengthened in the Spirit, and we saw eleven persons step forward to make decisions for salvation and five come for rededication. Of the eleven accepting Christ as Saviour, four were adults. Four of the other decisions were made by teen-age young people who had never accepted Christ as Saviour.

Because the Lord's hand was on Brother Weaver for good, arrangements are being made to have him back as our evangelist next year. The pastor of the church expresses his gratitude to those over the brotherhood who contributed to the success of the week as they prayed together with us.

—John W. Evans, pastor

GOSHEN, IND.

God really visited Grace Brethren Church Sunday morning, June 10. The occasion was the dedication service for Bill and Melba Heinsman. These exceptional young people have been dedicated to the foreign mission field for five years. Bill is an electronics engineer and feels called to the radio gospel ministry. This type of ministry gets the Gospel out quickly to the unsaved in foreign lands. Stations with as high as 50,000 watts are now beaming the Gospel into nations behind the iron curtain of communism. The Heinsmans will be temporarily located in Formosa. They are scheduled to sail July 14 with their three children.

At our dedication service George Martin, a representative of The Evangelical Alliance Mission board office in Chicago, was on hand to present the certificates of the board. Ramus Schlatter, Melba's father; Allen, her brother; and Carol, Allen's wife, each took part in the program. Bill's father, Joseph Heinsman, of Peoria, Ill., was present and assisted in the ordination service. The sight of the two fathers dedicating their son and daughter to God for the foreign field was deeply effective. After a short sermon from the pastor, R. Paul Miller at the close of the service, twelve decisions were made. One fine young father accepted Christ, uniting his home in the Lord. Six young people dedicated themselves to Christ. The rest were restorations. Grace Brethren Church in Goshen has never been so moved as yesterday morning. God was present in power.

Sunday school attendance is steadily climbing with 113 present yesterday. A new thing has been started: joint sessions of Men's Fellowship and the WMC. Our first such meeting was scheduled for June 16 with a picnic dinner and several freezers of homemade ice cream, and held at Indian Lake. The men of the church had charge of a special program on Father's Day.

—R. Paul Miller, pastor

HOLLINS, VA.

The Patterson Memorial Brethren Church won 11 out of 12 Sundays in a recent Southeast District Sunday-school contest. Our school had an average of over 225 during the entire contest. We maintained an average of 248 for the month of May with an all-time high attendance of 285 on May 27.

Patterson Memorial is nearing the half-way mark in the construction of a new church. The new building will include 30 new Sunday-school rooms and an auditorium and balcony with a seating capacity of 500. The building will cost over $65,000.

—William Byers, pastor

ENDS EARTHLY PILGRIMAGE

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

BURKE, Mrs. Ruth Hostetler, formerly of Johnstown, Pa., and for many years a loyal member of First Brethren Church, Washington, D.C., went to be with the Lord May 31.

CALDWELL, Mrs. Ada, a member of the First Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio, was called home to be with her Lord May 1. In spite of her 76 years, she was very active in the church and regular in attendance at all services. A memorial gift was presented by the congregation to Brethren Foreign Missions.

—Kenneth Ashman, pastor

MINEAR, Mrs. Millie, was called to her heavenly home, June 6. She was one of the charter members of the Winona Lake Brethren Church. Services were conducted by Dr. Homer Kent, Sr., and Donald Ogden.

—Donald Ogden, interim pastor

WILKINS, Mrs. Margaret, went to be with her Lord. Funeral services were conducted by her former pastor, Henry Rempel. Mrs. Wilkins was for many years a faithful member of the First Brethren Church, Uniontown, Pa., but recently moved to Gardena, Calif.

PERKINS, Stanley, departed this life June 5 as a result of a train-automobile accident. Brother Perkins was a member of the Winona Lake Brethren Sunday school. Dr. Harold Etling and Donald Ogden conducted the funeral services.

—Donald Ogden, interim pastor

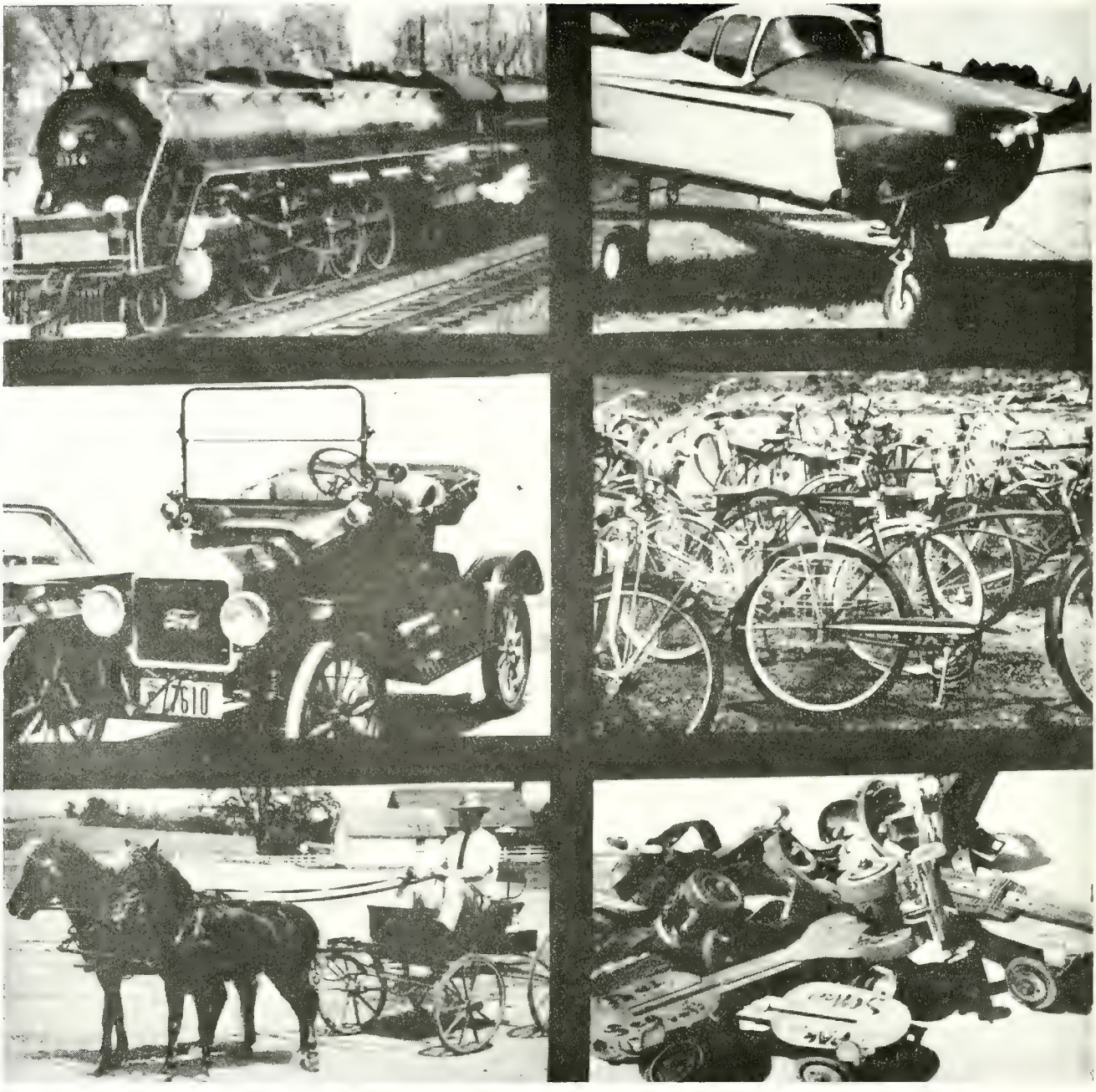
Wedding Bells

Announcements in this column are published when sent in by a pastor.

Sandra Cale and Harold Shoemaker, June 16, First Brethren Church, Uniontown, Pa.

EPA NEWS

TRENTON, N. J.—The Supreme Court of New Jersey has ruled that the state may order a blood transfusion for a child over the protests of its parents. The ruling, said to be the first by a state appellate court affecting the issue of transfusions for children of Jehovah's Witnesses, cited a U. S. Supreme Court decision: "Parents may be free to become martyrs themselves. But it does not follow that they are free, in identical circumstances, to make martyrs of their children."



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Praise and Prayer

MISSIONARY HERALD

PRAY that during this month Brethren people will be constrained by the Holy Spirit to sacrificially contribute to the needs of the Missionary Herald.

PRAY that Christians across the Nation shall be awakened to the importance of fine Christian literature in the home.

PRAY that our Brotherhood might be very conscious of the importance and effectiveness of the printed page, as proved by the cults and isms of our day.

GRACE SEMINARY, COLLEGE

PRAY for a fruitful ministry for the two teams representing the school in the various churches as they minister in music and in spoken word.

PRAY for our seminary graduates who have taken pastorates, and for those who will be engaging in missionary work.

PRAY for our new president, Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, as he assumes the many duties of his office.

PRAY for the young people who are enrolling or considering applying to come to Grace this fall.

EVANGELISM

PRAY that God will definitely lead Brethren preachers who have the gift of evangelism, to enter this field. We should have a dozen men busy in this ministry continually to maintain the spiritual tide of our present churches and to take advantage of the opportunities that God is holding out to our Fellowship today.

PRAY definitely for our Evangelist Bob Collitt that he will be filled with power for a greater harvest of souls in this coming season. Also that God will protect him in his many travels on the highways both summer and winter.

PRAY that our churches will see the need of supporting the Board of Evangelism. Offerings in many evangelistic campaigns do not cover the expense of the meetings.

PRAISE God for over 500 decisions during the campaigns since the start of this present season.

HOME MISSIONS

PRAY for the home mission offering period beginning within a few days, that the offering will be sufficient to meet a deficit budget and allow for expansion in 1963.

PRAY for the Annual Board Meeting of the Brethren Home Missions Council starting August 6.

PRAY that from the young people making decisions in VBS and camps this summer will come a number of future missionaries.

PRAY for Miss Isobel Fraser and our Brethren Messianic Witness during the time the Buttons are on itineration work throughout the United States.

PRAY for the development of a Brethren church in Arvada, (Denver area) Colorado, and for Edward Mensinger as he assumes the leadership of the work.

PRAY for our pastors and pastorates where changes are being made or will be made soon—Grandview, Washington; Geistown, Pennsylvania; Akron, Ohio.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRAY that the opportunities of these summer months for evangelizing our communities might be captured by every Sunday school.

PRAY that our convention will give new impetus to the program of Sunday school in the Brethren church.

PRAY that the spiritual convictions of our Sunday school teachers may constantly be deepened.

PRAY that the financial problems of the National Sunday School Board might be answered by the gifts of Sunday schools.

SMM

PRAY for the new officers in all the local SMM's.

PRAY for all the SMM girls the world over.

PRAY that more women will be willing to give of their time in serving the Lord in SMM.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

PRAY that the young people at the youth camp in Mexico during the last two weeks of July will experience the blessing of the Lord and a closer walk with Him.

PRAY concerning the Hill Maconaghys' need of housing in Argentina.

PRAISE God for the Brazilians who have been trained in the Bible Institute and are serving as pastors and evangelists. Pray that more young men will train for God's service.

PRAY for the Lord's guidance in the school and youth programs in Africa.

PRAY that there will be Sunday school teachers available as the work at Waipio, Hawaii, keeps growing.

PRAY for different missionaries who will speak in various district camps that the Lord will use them to challenge our Brethren young people.

WMC

PRAY that the necessary food might be available for the Northwest District canning project for the Navajo Mission.

PRAY for the various councils as they elect new officers this month.

PRAY that our women might be real soul-winners and prayer warriors for Him.

YOUTH COUNCIL

PRAY for our summer camp program that it will effectively reach many boys and girls spiritually.

PRAY for our summer missionaries in Cuba, New Mexico.

PRAY for our Brethren Youth Conference in August. Pray that many lives may be given to the Lord.

PRAY for about forty young people who have made decisions this past month under the ministry of our Youth Evangelism Team.

Selecting Church Officers

BY REV. ROBERT W. THOMPSON

Pastor, Westminster Brethren Church, Westminster, California

The following words are not to be considered as an exhaustive study of the subject of leadership requirements. They are simply an effort to put before you some simple truths as outlined in God's Word for the purpose of assisting you in the selection of church leaders. That care should be exercised in such a matter seems evident by Paul's admonition to the young minister, Timothy, in his words: "Lay hands [as a ritual of ordination] suddenly on no man." In our study of this subject we shall use as a criterion the combined requirements of both the "elder" and the "deacon." To those who object to such a combination, we simply suggest that God does not have a dual set of standards. Certainly no one would deny that different types of service are before us, but we believe that the following qualifications should characterize every officer of the church.

Some have wondered why God has placed such a high standard for the leaders of a church; whereas He has not done so for church membership. The answer lies in the peculiar nature of the job as a respresentative office which certainly calls for dignity and honor. We should hasten to say that merely because God has not seen fit to lay down specific qualifications for membership in the local congregation does not in any way relieve every single one of us from "living Christ."

In an effort to simplify our consideration of this subject we shall confine our discussion to three major divisions: the character of an officer; the conduct of an officer and the consecration of an officer.

Undoubtedly, in the mind of God there is no precedence in these requirements. However, for the purpose of clarity we shall think first on the matter of consecration.

There must be a consecration to God! This seems to be rather a superfluous statement, but we must not assume too much. If wrong motives for becoming a church leader had not been prevalent even in Paul's day, he would never have warned the church against "false teachers." I fear that all too many preachers are performing their duties simply for "filthy lucre." Although money is rarely the object of offense among the laity, there are many other reasons which offer an excuse for accepting a position. Paul exhorts Timothy to select only those who "hold the faith in good conscience." Unless one loves the Lord and is desirous of serving Him, the pressures of leadership will soon take their toll resulting in carelessly performed duties and eventual resignation. It is important that even the most menial task be done "as unto the Lord."

There must also be a consecration to the work itself. No other work is so demanding as is that of a church officer. For this cause Paul warns against the selection of a novice who has not had opportunity to demonstrate his moral and spiritual stamina. It often proves disappointing to the newly elected officer when he discovers that he "stands alone" both in the board room and in the performing of the work itself. No candidate who suffers any delusions of grandeur should be considered.

In this day of vacillating convictions, a third area of consecration should be included—consecration and dedication to the beliefs and practices of the local assembly. The candidate for office should have displayed both in testimony and practice his convictions relative to the distinctive doctrines of The Brethren Church. Persons who care little for the distinctives will reproduce a similar lack of interest in others. It is not enough for an officer merely to be acquiescent toward any given teaching, but he must wholeheartedly subscribe to them. We have the Lord's own words to caution us against any "lukewarm" attitude.

Our second area for consideration is that of character. In our introduction we mentioned the dignity of the office. Certainly it goes without saying that the person selected should compliment the office. It has been well said that "reputation is what others think we are, but character is what we are!" There is a close affinity between the two, however, and an observant person can soon determine something of the temperament of the individual being considered. A weakness in character may be detected by frivolous conversation, frequent displays of anger, indications of personal hostility, and manifestations of jealousy and envy.

Moral integrity and stability are absolutely essential in the selection of a church officer. Situations develop within the framework of the local congregation that tax the carnal nature of man. Unless one is disciplined in his fleshly appetites, disaster is certain. The person who

keeps "his body in subjection" and free of the many habits that plague the people of the world will, inevitably, manifest similiar strengths as an officer of the church. Holy living, then, is a must for church leaders because of the exemplary nature of the position.

Mental health should be noted and careful consideration given to any demonstration of a rebellious nature. Many honest and sincere people have difficulty submitting to authority, which in church government is essential. Church leaders are called upon to counsel with others, and too often the response is "Physician, heal thyself!" Much care should be exercised to prevent any situation which could result in the "blind leading the blind." In Paul's letter to Titus he summarized these matters by saying that an elder should be "blameless as a steward of God, not soon angry, a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate, that . . . he may be able to convince the gainsayers."

The last area for thought in the qualifications of an officer should be that of conduct. The Bible tells us that we are "epistles read of all men." Therefore, careful observation of the candidate is not only proper, but imperative. No area of life is so revealing in the realm of conduct as the sanctuary of a man's home. A tyrant in the home can be expected to be a tyrant in church; a sniveling weakling in the home can be expected to show the same traits in a business meeting; a braggart and a bully can be counted on to bring his peculiar characteristics with him to every board meeting. The man who cannot properly discipline his children will never be able to discipline an obstreperous church member.

Special note should be taken of any manifestations of weakness in any given area. For example, if a candidate is being considered for a financial office, then it behooves those responsible for the nomination to consider the manner in which he manages his own economics. Obviously we cannot demand a financial statement from each candidate. We can, however, expect the person to live within his income and to demonstrate common sense in the proper management of his home. I am not at all suggesting that we always need a professional for every office. It has been proven many times that various jobs in the church have been effectively filled with men who had no previous experience, but who did have a native potential.

There is yet another thought to be considered in the matter of conduct. The Word tells us "A talebearer revealeth secrets: but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth a matter." In no other work is this message so apropos as that of church leaders. People have every reason to expect a sympathetic and understanding ear among their leaders. In the same sense they should be able to expect their confidences to be treated with the utmost respect. An ideal officer is one whose manner instills such a confidence. Care exercised in obtaining such a one will pay great dividends.

Perhaps now you feel the case is hopeless, that no such candidate is available in your church. Don't abandon the ship, but think through again those things which we have been discussing. In reality all these things should accompany salvation, but perhaps we have too long ignored them as requisites for leadership. In the selection of those who will be responsible for the various areas of endeavor within the church, the utmost care should be given. No one whom you feel will merely fill the vacancy should be considered. Every single office, regardless of how menial it may seem, plays an important part in the effective function of the church. To ignore the standards which God himself has outlined is to court certain disaster in the total program of His work.

To conclude, we simply say with Isaiah: "Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips." But even as provision was made for Isaiah enabling him to say, "Here am I, send me," so also provision has been made for us to say, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

"Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom you may appoint over this business."

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FIRE!

By Rev. William H. Schaffer

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Kittanning, Pennsylvania

It can happen during your Sunday school hour. Suppose a fire breaks out right in the middle of the lesson period? Your fire insurance policy will not give you directions on how to get out of the building with the least amount of personal injury.

Here are a few suggestions:

1. Appoint doorkeepers who would naturally be near the exit doors. These men can prevent jamming and panic. They would be responsible to see that the doors are always in operating order and not nailed shut nor blocked.

2. A fire extinguisher should be located near every exit and someone acquainted with its use.

3. Exit routes should be posted for every classroom, and the teachers, as well as the pupils, should be familiar with these routes.

4. Single lines are best to avoid jamming at the exit doors.

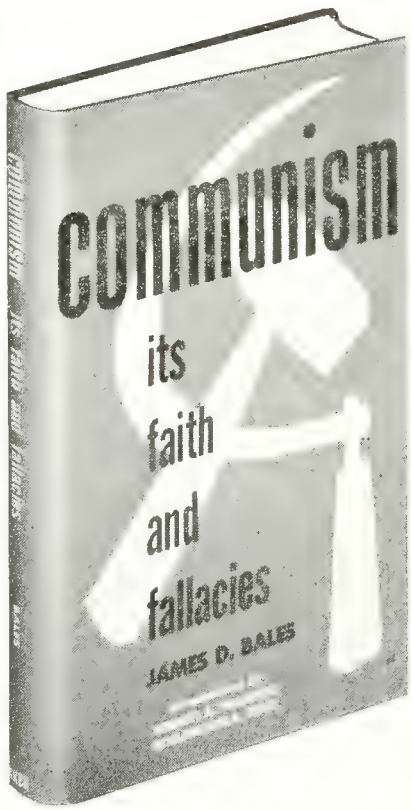
5. Someone should start singing "Onward Christian Soldiers" as the people march out of the building.

This program was recently adopted by a Sunday school with an attendance of 350 with more than twenty classes. The building was cleared in less than two minutes.

The local fire company was alerted for the fire drill and the trucks were at the church in less than three minutes. No one was allowed to reenter until the firemen searched every room and gave the clear signal.

Several conclusions were drawn from this experiment.

1. The exit doors were in operating condition.
2. The idea of the doorkeepers proved satisfactory.
3. Fire extinguishers are regularly inspected.
4. It gave the community assurance that "here's a Sunday school that is interested in the physical, as well as the spiritual, aspect of its pupils" and just think of the free publicity! This is newspaper material!



Informative new publication

COMMUNISM

its faith and fallacies

BY JAMES D. BALES

Is communism really the vicious, God-denying philosophy and system it is said to be? Can a Christian retain his convictions and be tolerant of communism? Author Bales gives us intelligent and forthright answers to these and many other questions which confront all of us.

James Bales is professor of Bible at Harding College at Searcy, Arkansas, and has been a minister in the Church of Christ for over a quarter of a century.

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Formula for Fathers--

Counselors of Peace

Peace, p-e-a-c-e. What magic this one word has. What a change one word can make. Yes; I'd like to know more about this five letter marvel. What does the word "peace" mean. Peace is defined as "freedom from war or strife of any kind; public quiet, order and security, harmony, quiet, and calm." Peace is a thought-provoking word. The more we look at it and think about it the more taste we derive from it. Peace is the subject of countless songs.

"Peace, perfect peace, in this dark world of sin?
The blood of Jesus whispers peace within.
Peace, perfect peace, with sorrows surging round?
On Jesus' bosom naught but calm is found.
Peace, perfect peace, our future all unknown?
Jesus we know, and He is on the throne.
Peace, perfect peace, death shadowing us and ours?
Jesus has vanquished death and all its powers. It is enough; earth's struggles soon shall cease, And Jesus call us to heaven's perfect peace."

"Freedom from war or strife of any kind; public quiet, order and security, harmony and calmness"—just what Christians expect and seek. As mothers and fathers, as young folks and children, peace is the longing of our hearts. Peace is needed in our Brethren churches, in our family circles, in our public relations. Oh, to be able to face any situation with calmness and quietness—that is peace. It is possible, but not of ourselves. The Word of God tells us that we *must* have peace with one another. We fail right here. Perhaps the Lord is unable to work because of this very first fact in obtaining peace. How true are the words found in Psalm 133:1 "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" The New Testament resounds with the same chorus: "If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with *all* men" (Rom. 12:18). We are admonished to seek or look for peace and to even pursue it. This exercise would benefit America and develop muscles from heaven, and blessings beside.

The head of our homes, the fathers, are needed to promote peace, with mothers cooperating all the way. Abraham did not want strife with his



By Mrs. Robert Markley
Norton Village, Ohio

young nephew. He promoted peace in his dealings and summarized his logic with the simple statement: "For we be brethren." This statement should challenge us all. We are Brethren in position and by name. We love one another. We have work for our Master to do separately, and with our pastor and leaders. We are Brethren. Why isn't it true *all* of the time? Right here is stumbling block number two in our static lives and stationary churches. Shame on us!

Christ is our peace. "There's peace in my heart today. There's peace in my heart to stay; The world cannot give it or take it away, There's peace in my heart to stay." We sing these words, love the words, but do we realize the impact of their meaning and do we apply them to our hearts and to our lives. It is time well spent to sit and read the words of the songs and ponder their meaning. The songs containing the word under discussion are plentiful in most hymnals. Verses in the Bible contain food for further thought on this word "peace."

Yes; Christ is our peace. He spoke peace the day we accepted Him as our own personal Saviour. He relieved us from the condemnation of our sin. Isaiah 9:6 and 7 tells us in a majestic way that Christ is the Prince of Peace. This peace is promised in John 14:27: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." And what can this peace do for you. Hear the words found in Philippians 4:7: "And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall *keep* your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

"What a treasure I have in this wonderful peace, Buried deep in the heart of my soul, So secure that no power can mine it away, While the years of eternity roll. Peace, peace, wonderful peace, coming down from the Father above, Sweep over my spirit forever I pray, in fathomless billows of love. Ah, soul are you here without comfort and rest, marching down the rough pathway of time? Make Jesus your Friend ere the shadows grow dim, O accept of this peace so sublime."

We have read the definition of this word "peace." We have established the fact that we must have peace with one another. We know that Christ is our peace and makes the admonition from the Word vital in our daily lives. Now, fathers, awake! Take your place as a counselor for peace in your home, and let us launch forth in an united effort to spread peace, which is Christ Jesus our Lord. Join hands, bow in prayer of confession and consecration and forward march. Let's go! We are Brethren and there is much work to do.



TRIBUTES TO MRS. IVA M. KOLB

A teacher, counselor and friend . . . deaconess, superintendent of junior Sunday school department. Worker among girls and women of The Brethren Church.

BELOVED PATRONESS OF THE IVA M. KOLB AUXILIARY OF SMM FROM 1925-1962.

Mrs. Alice McArthur Price
North Miami Beach, Florida

On May 2, just sixteen days before her ninety-fourth birthday, Mrs. Kolb went home to be with her Lord, whom she loved so much and served so faithfully.

For more than a half century, it was my privilege to know Mrs. Kolb. The great truths of God's Word were explained by her to those of us who spent four years with her in the junior department of the First Brethren Church in Philadelphia. Never-to-be-forgotten lessons of God's loving care and keeping were imparted to our young impressionable minds.

Later as Patroness of the Sisterhood of Mary and Martha, she continued her guidance and counseling. Through the years, her messages to us were so inspirational and radiated with the power of God in her life.

In His great providence, He spared her to us for many years, and each year she grew more precious to her "girls." We shall all miss her more than words will ever tell, but how grateful we are that He chose to take her home to Him before her sufferings were intensified. She will live within our hearts so long as time shall last for each of us.

I am sure that Mrs. Kolb would say—

"As you love me, let there be
No mourning when I go,
No tearful eyes—No hopeless sighs—
No woe, nor even sadness
Indeed, I would not have you sad,
For I myself shall be full glad."

May we so live that her teachings will be exemplified in our lives. May our devotion to God and His work be intensified because it was our privilege to know and love her.

One of Mrs. Kolb's favorite hymns was "Lead me to Calvary." In that hymn, we are reminded of God's love and sacrifice that we, too, may live eternally with Him. This Mrs. Kolb so firmly believed that now she lives with Him eternally.

"What Mrs. Kolb meant to me"

Mrs. Elsie Sheppard Eckes
North Miami Beach, Florida

"It's been more than fifty-four years now since I first met Mrs. Kolb. I was in the junior department of the First Brethren Church in Philadelphia. Mrs. Kolb was the superintendent of the junior department. She told us the most wonderful illustrated stories from the Bible and what I learned in the junior department has stayed with me and has been a great help in my teaching experience through the years. For the last five years, I have always opened her letter with "My Dearest Teacher" and she surely was. Yes; I have lost a wonderful friend, a wise counselor and a dear teacher, but my loss is her "gain," and I am happy that she is experiencing new joys there in that land of "Fadeless Day." When I think of our Auxiliary and of the many lives which she touched, I cannot help but say: "She being dead yet speaketh."

Mrs. Elizabeth Stevens
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Hands often busy are folded now
No more will earthly cares furrow her brow
A long life of service has come to an end—
A true Christian worker—a true Christian friend.
Her thoughts and her prayers were for *others* each day,
To help and encourage them along life's way.
Our loss is her gain, since she heard the glad call
"Come up higher my child, you gave me your all!"
The Master's "well done" is your portion we know—
May we follow your example as we wait here below.
Sweet memories will linger forever it's true—
The years cannot sever our remembrance of you.

Mrs. Margaret Steele Sturgis
St. Petersburg, Florida

Dear Members of the Iva M. Kolb Auxiliary:

How I wish I could be present today (May 19) as you meet to pay tribute to the memory of our dear friend, Iva M. Kolb, who is now with the Lord and Saviour she adored. When I received the sad news, my

heart was heavy, for I realized what a great loss her going was to all of us who knew and loved her. I shall greatly miss those messages of love and faith which she sent me regularly, up until the last few months when she could no longer write them. I have kept her letters, and, as I read them over, shall treasure and cherish every word. They are indeed "Beautiful words, wonderful words of life" —precious words of hope, and so beautifully expressed by our "dear Mrs. Kolb."

She was an inspiration to all who knew her and while we will miss her greatly, I am sure there must be great rejoicing in heaven now that she is among the "saints in glory." I know I am a better person for having known her, and to be counted among "her girls" was my happy privilege.

Miss Caroline Fry
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Yes; we all feel so deeply the loss of our dear Mrs. Kolb, and yet we rejoice at her "homegoing," for each day brought her greater pain. She wrote in a letter dated April 12— "Our Great Physician is ever with me and the touch of His hand on mine makes brighter the way"— "Even if I cannot get downstairs and out of doors, I can look out the window and see evidences of the coming of glorious spring, with Nature's rebirth. It is wonderful! The Easter message is a message of hope and joy eternal—I am grieved to be compelled to tell you (had planned for our Auxiliary Meeting on May 19)—I am afraid that blessed privilege cannot be mine. I had hoped this heaven given joy would be mine as long as life remained, but God's plan is different. It is not for us to answer "Why." Perhaps it may be to place "My Girls" entirely on their own, and so increase their power and have them go on their own attaining greater and greater rewards, in deeper and deeper consecration, but His strength sustains."

I have known her over fifty-four years since I first went into the junior department, and I loved her from the first. My mother said I talked about Mrs. Kolb from Sunday to the following Sunday, she made the Bible stories so interesting with all the illustrations and object lessons she gave to us; and in latter years she was always so helpful with her advice. Yes; I have lost a wonderful friend, a wise counselor, and a dear teacher; but my loss is her gain. I am sure she is enjoying the wonders of her heavenly home; and truly we can say: "she being dead yet speaketh," for we will always remember her and her teachings.

"If the pattern of life looks dark to you
And the threads seem twisted and queer,
To the One, who is planning the whole design—
It's perfectly plain and clear,
For it's all a part of God's loving plan,
When He works in His thread of gray,
And they'll only make brighter the rose and gold
Of another happier day"

Mrs. Arnold Kriegbaum
Winona Lake, Indiana

When my father was pastor of the First Brethren Church of Philadelphia, I was in the junior department of which Mrs. Iva Kolb was the superintendent. She remains in my memory as a woman of stately and immaculate mien. I can appreciate now, even more than I did then, her thorough preparations and interesting visual aids in our study of God's Word. She was an inspiration in my Christian experience.

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS FOR SEPTEMBER

AFRICA—

Miss Rosella Cochran September 1
B.P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic

Miss Ruth Snyder September 8
Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic

Mrs. Donald G. Hocking September 11
B.P. 21, M'Baiki via Bangui, Central African Republic

Mrs. George E. Cone September 23
Bossembele via Bangui, Central African Republic

ARGENTINA—

Miss Bertha Abel September 12
Rivadavia 433, Rio Cuarto, F.C.N.G.B.M., Prov. Cordoba, Argentina, S. A.

Mark Stephen Schrock September 12, 1953
Calle 10, No. 90, Barrio Parque Velez, Sarsfield, Cordoba, Argentina, S. A.

Rev. Lynn D. Schrock September 23
Calle 10, No. 90, Barrio Parque Velez, Sarsfield, Cordoba, Argentina, S. A.

BRAZIL—

Mrs. Randall E. Maycumber September 7
Macapa, Terr. Federal do Amapa, Brazil

Ann Lenore Zielasko September 11, 1950
1630 Sebastiao Freitas, Capanema, Para, Brazil

FRANCE—

Neal Lee Fogle September 1, 1951
5, square de la Source, Franconville (S. & O.) France

HAWAII—

Jonathan Edmund Leech September 16, 1945
98-404 Ponohale Street Aiea, Oahu, Hawaii

MEXICO—

Mrs. Walter E. Haag September 11
439 Sunset Lane, San Ysidro, California, U.S.A.

Sandra Rebecca Haag September 16, 1952
439 Sunset Lane, San Ysidro, California, U.S.A.

Richard Marvin Edmiston September 22, 1949
519 Sunset Lane, San Ysidro, California, U.S.A.

IN THE UNITED STATES—

Mrs. Loree Sickel September 10
1819 Pine Avenue, Long Beach 6, California

Mrs. Edward D. Miller September 18
221 Cloverdale Avenue, Modesto, California

Becky Jean Julien September 28, 1956
403 West North Street, Arcanum, Ohio

AN EXPERIENCE

That Drew Me Closer To God

BY MRS. GENE KLINGLER
Paramount, California

How blessed it is to know that one belongs to the Lord, and to feel His hand of chastening as well as hear His words of encouragement. As I look at my life, I thrill at the remembrance of each experience that has drawn me close to my Saviour. I did not realize there were so many such experiences. To think that He is concerned for me floods my heart with joy unspeakable! The God who made all things is concerned about each of us. Why not look at the things God has brought to pass in your life and rejoice with me?

My prayer for six years was "Dear Heavenly Father, I would have a baby, but do not send us one until I am able to accept the responsibilities and can train him in the way he ought to go. May we have no children if they do not come to know, love, and serve Thee." Yes; these were strong words, and in my heart I truly meant them.

God knew when we were ready, and He has answered my prayer. Little Miss Deborah Jean came to our home last September. During the months we were waiting for her arrival, God worked in my heart to draw me closer to himself. He brought before me those things that needed cleansing in my heart. Usually the faults we see in others we possess ourselves—maybe they are manifested in a different way, but the underlying cause is the same. Through others I saw things that needed changing in my life. From the Word of God I realized the fact that these things were wrong. God also worked in my body to give me strength and health and a clear mind that I might work for Him. Am I perfect? No. We do not mature overnight any more than do the fruit on the trees. It is a gradual growth, and as often icy winds, lack of water, and need for proper care keep the plant from bearing or slow down the bearing of the fruit, so coldness, lack of daily cleansing in the Word and prayerlessness keep us from maturing in our Christian life.

God gave me strength and peace I had never had. My attitudes concerning the Lord's work were revived to the tune of "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus." I claimed anew the Scripture portions "Do all to the glory of God;" "Rejoice in the Lord alway"; and Isaiah 40:31, "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." I know I must be close to my Lord, or I cannot raise Debbie to be close to Him. Even now I watch my mother and find in her life that which God says is virtue—this I desire to manifest also.

Mother, there is a little one (or perhaps an older one) watching your life. There is a need for self-discipline in our lives. "He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls" (Prov. 25:28). Be diligent in your walk. God giveth the strength to proceed, and the power to succeed. Take hold and keep "Looking unto Jesus" only. Fill your mind and heart with God's Word, and He will cause you to rejoice in each experience that draws you close to Him.

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NOTICE

A meeting of the National WMC Board will be held in Grace Seminary Lounge, Winona Lake, Indiana, August 10 and 11, 1962 at 9:00 a.m.

The executive committee of the National WMC Board will meet on Thursday, August 9, 1962 at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Norman Uphouse, Warsaw, Indiana.

Mrs. Lester Pifer, secretary

WMC News

GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA. The Glendale WMC enjoyed a Mother-Daughter Fellowship on May 4 in the newly-redecorated auditorium of the church. Mrs. Lorraine Austin, Bible teacher, gave a very interesting and enlightening message on "Clothing" (physical, spiritual, and mental).

A varied program consisted of numbers from the humorous side to the spiritual, including a surprise trumpet solo by the husband of our newest member.

Mothers were given recognition by drawing numbers which corresponded to numbers on the programs.

The silhouette motif was used on pink invitations which were sent to mothers of Sunday-school children in an effort to bring out new mothers. The programs were pink with black silhouettes and the table decorations further carried out the idea in double styrafoam hearts with mother and daughter silhouettes. Pink flowers and satin bows surrounded the base of the heart centerpieces. Tiny pink hat boxes contained mints and nuts. Pink candles and napkins completed the very lovely arrangement.

Following refreshments, three ladies were selected to participate in a hat decorating contest. A prize was given for the best hat.

Mrs. Margaret Oliver
assistant secretary

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA. Approximately eighty women from the Iowa district went to Africa! Yes; the Iowa WMC Rally, April 19, was held at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, with Africa as the theme in decorations. The ladies were greeted by a native African in a hut and an African lady called the women to lunch by beating the drum. The table decorations carried out the African theme with coconuts and all. There were many African curios around the room that were given to our pioneer missionary, Estelle Myers, when she was in Africa. Our speaker for the rally was our Brethren missionary, Miss Edith Geske.

There was also a display of the Home Mission Churches of Iowa. The pictures showed the churches when they were first built and how they are today. There was a scale model of our newest district home-mission church in Davenport. The model was built by one of our young people, Phil Scheer.

TAOS, NEW MEXICO. Mrs. Florimel Maestas, treasurer of the Brethren Women's Missionary Council, Mrs. Celina Maestas, Pen Pointer chairman, Mrs. Jose Garcia, vice president, Mrs. Amarante Romero, secretary, and Mrs. Leah Mares, president are shown at the annual joint meeting of the Women's Missionary Council and Sisterhood Girls' Society of the Canon Brethren Church, Friday night. Hostesses were Mrs. Clorinda Cucero, Mrs. Sam Gallegos and Mrs. Leah Mares. Refreshments were served from a table covered with white damask and decorated with a centerpiece of lilacs and iris flanked by tapers. Mrs. Jose Medinia, devotional speaker, chose as her topic "Recipe for a Fruitful Life," Miss Ruth Cruz sang "A Shelter in Time of Storm," Miss Eleanor Mares conducted singing, and Mrs. Sam Gallegos and Mrs. Clorinda Lucero led in prayer. Fifty-six attended.



"Native African" in hut.



"African lady" calling ladies to lunch.



Left to right: Mrs. Florimel Maestas, Mrs. Celina Maestas, Mrs. Jose Garcia, Mrs. Amarante Romero, and Mrs. Leah Mares of the Taos WMC and Sisterhood.



Group at Taos joint meeting.

EXCUSES I HAVE HEARD

(WMC Editor's note: The following article, written by Mrs. James Smith, Warsaw, Indiana, will be appreciated and enjoyed by many of our women who have just finished helping with Vacation Bible School.)

For the past two years, I have called mothers to work at Vacation Bible school. I have contacted many, and I have heard dozens of different excuses. The old adage, "It takes all kinds of people to make a world," is really proved to be true. I would like to share with you some of the excuses I have received.

During the course of my calling, I always call the mother that is so glad to hear from me. She is feeling so blue and down in the dumps, and she is not at all well. She was hoping someone would call so that she could share her problems. By the time she finishes telling me about all of her problems, aches, and pains, I am feeling so blue myself that I forget that it is a beautiful day. Of course, she is too ill to think of helping.

I always call one home where the little boy answers the phone. For the life of me, it is impossible to get him to understand that I would like to talk to his mother. Finally, after the warning buzzer sounds, mother comes to the phone. She tells me what a big boy he is and that he is such a dear child for helping her out by answering the phone. She would like to help at Bible school, but she has no place to leave the little boy. He's so young, and he just wouldn't be a bit happy in the nursery.

There are those mothers who just can't get their spring housecleaning done in time to take two weeks out. They seem to forget that I am calling them in April, and if they would care to plan their time right, they could be done well in advance of the first two weeks in June.

Every year, at least one of the mothers has the excuse that someone she knows is going to have a baby, and she is going to take care of the children left at home. The new baby isn't to arrive until the middle of July, but she just wouldn't feel right about making plans for fear that something might happen, and the new baby would arrive early.

Several are just not able to get around by nine o'clock. The man of the house doesn't leave for work until eight, and there are innumerable chores to be done before they can leave the house. It is usually about ten before they can get started because it takes them quite awhile to really get awake.

I always call at least one conversationalist. She always talks about everything but the Bible school plans, and hops from one subject to the next so fast that I almost forget why I have called her. She is a great talker, but she feels that she is not capable enough to help. She claims that she is tongue-tied when she has to get up in front of a group.

Some never want to be the teacher. They will be glad to be a helper or to help out in any other way that they can, but they don't want the responsibility of planning a lesson for every day and seeing that the material is covered. Don't forget, they will help in any way they can, but don't give them any responsibility.

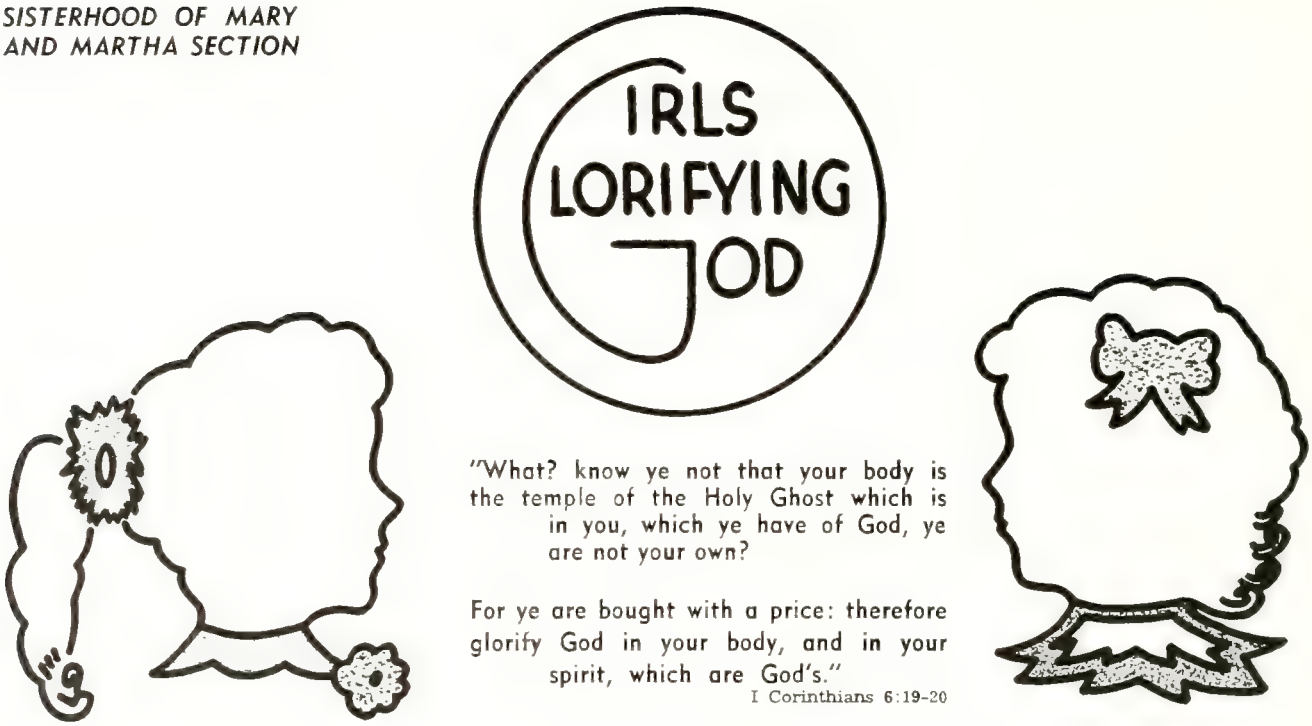
I always talk to several mothers that helped last year, and they feel that it is someone else's turn this year. They never stop to think that year after year there are a few that never fail and are always on the job when Bible school starts.

Oh, you do find one now and then that accepts your invitation to work, but she has so many stipulations in her acceptance that you wish you could say that you really don't need her after all. She is forever reminding you that she is doing it under stress, and it is a great sacrifice on her part to help this year.

Some mothers are pretty sure that they will be able to help, but they want to think it over for a couple of days. They say that they will call me if they change their mind. I wait and wait for their call, and after a couple of weeks, I call them again to check. They have decided they would not be able to help and just didn't get around to calling me back.

Another excuse I have heard is that the husband just won't allow his wife to take on any more activities. He has told her that she never knows when to say no, and if she doesn't cut out some of the extras, she will be ill. She thinks this is a good place to start saying no.

After I have exhausted my long list of names and still have several places to fill, what do I do? I call the small group of faithful mothers I can always depend on to say yes. They help every year, teach Sunday school every Sunday, sing in the choir, have at least two children, belong to and are active in several clubs, always work on community projects. These are the mothers that can be depended on to get the work done, will accept responsibility, and see to it that the year's Vacation Bible School will be a success.



Satisfied?

By Mrs. A. L. Howard

"As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake with thy likeness." These wise words are from a prayer of David. In just ten words David reveals the entire secret of being satisfied.

How many times have you said: "I'm just not quite satisfied"? Maybe you had just finished a term paper, or were about to buy a new dress, or were making an important decision; but, for some reason you just weren't satisfied. What an uncomfortable feeling. How dissatisfaction takes the joy out of life!

David knew that the secret of satisfaction lies within the righteous heart. The heart that is *right with God* and *honest with self*.

This is truly a secret. It is possible that in your whole life you may only meet a few people to whom God has revealed this secret. My husband is a satisfied person. To him the great hope of awaking on that resurrection morning in the likeness of our Lord fills every action and decision of his life.

It is interesting to know how our God reveals His secrets to those of every race and to those of every social, cultural, and intellectual level. One such person is a dear Mexican believer from our church in Mexical. The daily activities for her family of nine children and husband begin at 5:30 a.m. At 6:00 the eighteen year old leaves for normal school (junior college). The next teen-ager leaves for secondary school (high school) at 7:30, and by 9:00 four more children have been sent, clean and fed, to school. All will begin arriving home for lunch between 12:00 and 1:00 p. m. Then comes a real lull in the day until 5:00 when two other teen-agers go to high school.

How could a mother be satisfied with this kind of a life especially when you consider the washing, ironing, and cleaning for eleven people? The secret lies within the righteous heart that is fixed on the joy of awakening with those you love in the likeness of the One who so loved us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

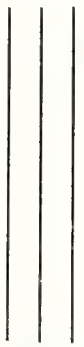
This fine Christian mother knows satisfaction is a daily reality. She is the president of our WMC. One daughter is the SMM president and a son is BYF president. Another daughter teaches a Child Evangelism class in the patio each week. What a fine family investment for the Lord!

Girls, be especially thankful that satisfaction comes from within. There are so many external things to disturb us. Remember that last new hair style you tried? Or that skirt your Gram made? It was a darling pattern but—oh, the color! Remember that real nice fellow at school who just wouldn't even notice you? Then the crowning disappointment—that poor grade on the test you studied hard for? Now you just can't be satisfied when things like this happen. And you're right, not *if* you are not a Christian.

You should know Modesta. She accepted the Lord in the Mexican church about five years ago. "Mode" is twenty years old. She had had about one and a half years of Bible training in the institute. She works occasionally in a department store, takes her turn teaching Sunday school in the primary department, helps with VBS, and serves as a camp counselor.

You're saying you know dozens of girls like this. Well, let's see. To do all these things when you are a Mexican girl takes real courage and dedication to the Lord. But when you are only forty inches tall, you must have more than courage and dedication, you have to have *satisfaction*—satisfaction so deep and so sure that you *can* live each day in the joy of awaking in the likeness of Christ.

DEAR AMY



This is a continuation of articles dealing with Christian girls' problems. If you have problems or questions which you would like answered, please write to:

DEAR AMY
Box 718
Winona Lake, Indiana



Dear Amy,

I have a friend who is a fine Christian pal. We get along real well for the most part, except that she incessantly chatters. This often embarrasses me (she gets very boisterous sometimes), and really irritates me. What can I do to show her that her "talkativeness" is detrimental to her?

Sincerely,
Rita

Dear Rita,

Vain jesting and useless chatter can be very annoying. There are times in public places that one can scarcely think because of the "confusion of tongues."

One must always check her own life before she can effectively deal with someone else. Ask the Lord for wisdom to deal with your friend. She may remark about someone else who is equally loud and thoughtless, and thus afford the opportunty you desire to help her.

Remind her from Ephesians 5:4 that we are held accountable for our manner of speech. Likewise, Proverbs 31:20 advises that the virtuous woman "openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness." The Christian edifies and ministers to her hearers with regulated speech. She does not gossip or talk idly, but speaks with love and consideration.

Sincerely,
Amy

Dear Amy,

We have been given the regulations for camp. We are not permitted to wear shorts or low necked dresses. It seems that each year they make it more difficult for us to have a good time. Do you think anyone has a right to tell us what we may or may not wear?

Sincerely,
Ida Mae

Dear Ida Mae,

Just last night I talked with a young man who suggested that Christian girls would be more careful of their sleeveless blouses, tight skirts and short dresses if they realized the temptation they placed before fellows. Perhaps it will bear even more weight if we observe that F.B.I. Director J. Edgar Hoover stated in a nationwide editorial that he dreaded the summer season with its extreme lack of clothing which is the direct cause of increased crime with which his department must deal.

As Christians we must remember that the body is the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit, and Romans 12:2 tells "Be not conformed to this world."

Sincerely,
Amy

Dear Amy,

I am an SMM patroness and am annoyed by the fact that our girls seem to embrace only those girls of their own grade, their particular club or "strata" of life. Don't you think Christian girls ought to be more group minded?

Sincerely,
An SMM patroness

Dear Patroness,

For many years I have observed that it is so easy for young people who have grown up together to stick together to the exclusion of those who have just moved into the community, or who have just become a part of the fellowship of the church.

Let us pray that as our girls play and labor together that they might become "inclusive" rather than "exclusive." It was said of the early Christians: "How they love one another." Let us trust that our girls can merit this same compliment from those who watch them in action.

Sincerely,
Amy

SUGGESTED PROGRAM FOR AUGUST

Devotional:
"Girls Glorifying God . . . in Loving"

Memory Verses:
Middler—I John 4:7
Senior—I Thessalonians 3:12

Mission Study:
"Satisfied"

SMM Conference Schedule

August 14—Introduction of present officers; Introduction of the new theme by Mrs. Ralph Burns; Skit about college; Goals and recommendations issued.

August 15—Election of officers; Vote on goals and recommendations; Talk by Miss Ava Schnittjer, Dean of Women, Grace College.

August 16—Tea; Installation of officers; Crowning of the bandage queen.

August 17—Informal testimony meeting with missionary participation.

Nooz From Yooz

ELYRIA, OHIO. The Middler SMM have been working hard at their goals and expect to have them completed on time. They made carnations for their mothers to wear at the Mother-Daughter Banquet and had a fashion show, modeling the clothes they had made.

PERU, INDIANA. The Junior girls report a calm but productive year. Attendance is excellent and the girls have been faithful in inviting others to come. They say they especially enjoy the Bible Study each month. The Middler-Senior girls have conducted two church services, showing slides from the Holy Land and enjoying a singspiration. They even had wedding showers for two of their senior girls.

WARSAW, IND. The Junior SMM of the Community Grace Brethren Church has been very active. The girls met at the Missionary Residence for their April meeting and got to know the missionaries a little better. They even had the missionaries take a part in the program. At the following meeting each group met together for a tea. They crowned a bandage queen and learned who their mystery mothers were.

CONEMAUGH, PENNSYLVANIA. The expanding group at Singer Hill Grace Brethren Church had a tea for their mothers in March and celebrated the birthday of SMM with a green and white decorated cake.

COMPTON, CALIFORNIA. Another activity in the birthday month, the Middler-Senior girls of the First Brethren Church took charge of a Sunday evening service. They have made toys and clothing for the work in Cuba, New Mexico, and have had great times at their "progressive dinners" and picnics.

WATERLOO, IOWA. The Middler girls report a style show for their Mother-Daughter Banquet. There were almost 200 women present. They had a picnic and are planning a slumber party soon.

MUNDY'S CORNER (CONEMAUGH) PENNSYLVANIA. A report from the Middler girls of the Pike Brethren Church says: "We're all finished!" Yes, they've completed their goals and have their bracelets. They also have made slippers to wear to camp.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray that many girls will be able to attend all of the SMM scheduled conference meetings.

Pray for the SMM girls of other countries, such as Africa and South America.

Pray that the Lord's Will will be accomplished in the electing and appointing of the new slate of national officers.

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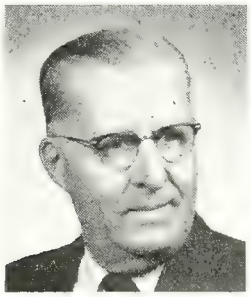
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Newspage

MEMBER EPA EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION

WINONA LAKE, IND. Dr. W. A. Ogden has submitted a request to the executive committee of the board of trustees of Grace Theological Seminary and College for retirement from



Dr. W. A. Ogden

the vice presidency of the schools, to take effect on August 31, 1962. Dr. Ogden celebrated his 65th birthday on June 27.

CLEVELAND, OHIO. A special service was held at First Brethren Church June 24. A missionary story and two Christian films provided a worthwhile evening for the congregation. Clair E. Brickel, pastor.

PHILADELPHIA, PA. Congratulations to Mr. Gilbert MacKay who celebrated his eightieth birthday on June 30. Mr. MacKay is a member of Third Brethren Church. Robert D. Kern, pastor.

GRANDVIEW, WASH. The new address of Rev. George Christie, pastor of First Brethren Church, is 715 W. 5th St.

ALEXANDRIA, VA. Samuel Kalmus, missionary for the American Board of Missions to the Jews in Washington, D. C., gave a demonstration of the Jewish Passover Feast at the Commonwealth Avenue Brethren Church, July 1. John Burns, pastor.

KETTERING, OHIO. The Calvary Brethren Church was organized five years ago under the pastoral leadership of H. T. Barnhart. A brief fifth anniversary service was conducted in the nearly finished new church building on July 1. Present plans include completion of the new church late in July or early August.

SAN BERNARDINO, CALIF. Pastor Jones of the Grace Brethren Church of San Bernardino is now preaching the Gospel over the local television station each Sunday afternoon during the months of June and July. The "Window of the Gospel" is another ministry of the local church to the great Inland Empire of Southern California. The program is entitled "In Times Like These."

WOOSTER, OHIO. A very successful Vacation Bible School was conducted at the First Brethren Church early in June. The enrollment of 167 pupils was cared for by a staff of 32. The Gospel Light Course, "Adventuring With Christ," was used. The average total attendance was 187. There were twenty-five first-time confessions for Christ and two life dedications. Three hundred twenty pupils, parents, and friends attended the closing program. The commencement offering was $122.27 and was designated for needed equipment for the Missionary Children's School in Africa.

FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA. Rev. Richard Grant, editor of the Missionary Herald Company, and Dr. Harold H. Etling, of the Sunday School Board, attended the Southeast Fellowship of Brethren Churches conference held here June 30-July 4. Brother Grant spoke at Youth for Christ on June 30.

WEDDING BELLS

Announcements in this column are published when sent in by a pastor.

Mary Etta Hockenberry and Earl R. Deshong, May 27, at the Grace Brethren Church, Hopewell, Pennsylvania.

WOOSTER, OHIO

A youth banquet in a rest home? Not exactly the ordinary, but neither was the occasion so ordinary nor the program "just another service." Fifteen high school and college graduates of the First Brethren Church here were honored at the *Senior Recognition Banquet*, June 11. Sixty young people from the church gathered at the West View Manor, a Church of the Brethren rest home, taking advantage of their commodious and beautiful dining room and recreation room facilities for an unusual evening of fellowship, feasting, and fun. While they ate their steak dinner by candlelight, Misses Linda Ashman and Leanna Liechty added to the festive atmosphere with numbers on the organ and marimba. The dining room was gaily decorated with gilded letters setting forth the theme, "Worthy of Honor," worldwide travel posters, and a unique central display of Christ, the cross, and the crown. Table decorations consisted of large floral pieces set on mortar boards, and nut cups with the same motif.

Each graduate was properly presented by a junior with a brief sketch of his schooling, achievements, and future plans. The balance of the evening was devoted to parlor games and contests, each activity having been invested with a point value. At the end of the evening, the seniors with the highest points earned a Bible, sacred recordings, a New Testament, and several mottos. Pastor and Mrs. Ashman, assisted by youth leaders Don and Marie Streit and Galen and Evie Moomaw, directed the evening's activities. The sophomores of the church assisted in the planning and the decorating. Jim Custer, associate pastor, climaxed the evening with an appropriate meditation focusing the thoughts of the happy youth on the banquet theme, "*Worthy of Honor.*"

GLENDALE, CALIF. Gospel Light Publications, Glendale-based international publisher of Christian education materials, has announced expansion plans to increase its shipping and warehousing facilities here.

Ground-breaking was held recently for the 11,500 square-foot addition to be built for and leased to the publishing firm by the Griffin-Patterson Co., Inc., Gospel Light's major source of supply.

The building occupies three lots on Elk Street, immediately adjacent to the printing plant's bindery. The publishing firm's editorial and administrative offices will remain at 725 E. Colorado. Completion and occupancy of the new facility is expected on July 15.



Just 30 more days until the 73d Annual Conference

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Faith's Resurgent Signs

By Harry G. Neumann

(Ed. note: A Christian man with whom Jesse B. Deloe works in the Government Printing Office told this story concerning Harry G. Neumann: He lived a wonderful Christian life, and was one of the officials of the Trappe Frozen Food Company. A few days before his death when on a business trip, he was in a small airplane. Because of the turbulent weather other passengers were frightened, but Mr. Neumann was to have said: "I made my peace with God long ago, and like John Glenn, am unafraid." The day after Harry G. Neumann died, an article was found on his desk, which we have printed on the right.)

It is relatively easy, today, to be discouraged. Evil too often triumphs; the good go unrewarded. Many a high, fanciful hope is quickly shattered on the rocks of reality, and few there are who have not had ample opportunity to cry out in despair, "Why?"

But despair is a luxury forbidden to Christians. Despair a luxury? Indeed it is, and one so costly that no one can afford it—but only the faithful can read the price tag accurately.

The down payment on despair is "reasonable" enough. It is discouragement, and we all have made that payment many times. The following installments, however, are the really hard ones to meet: Despair drains all our zeal, pales the glow of the cheek, dims the sparkle of the eye in an upward look; paralyzes the leap from bed to greet a new spring day; stills the carefree laugh, the kind word; and kills all but self-love.

Why does anyone "buy" despair if these are the terms? Only because he knows nowhere else to turn. That is the great urgency of Christianity—the great task set before every Christian; to reach those souls who are on the brink of making a "purchase" that all too soon becomes their master—to tell them about and "sell" them the Master who bought us all with His blood so that we might be free.

It might well be classified as a miracle how completely our Master deprives His faithful of despair. He never fails to move in whenever we are discouraged for any reason. No sooner have we made that first "down payment" than He gets us back. Lonesome, we find that a friend has fallen into step beside us; we are perplexed, and a significant line of a hymn hums its way into our suddenly eased heart; we are bereaved, and a blessed, saving Scriptural verse leaps to our mind's eye. Where once there was barren desert there is now a carpet of blossoms.

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A Biblical Ecumenicalism in Action

By Andrew E. Auxt

Hagerstown, Maryland

The oft-heard cry in nominal Christendom today is "Unite!"

We hear it on every side. Rome wants "the straying brethren" (Protestants) to come back "into the fold of the true church." The last few years have seen mergers within the ranks of the larger liberal Protestant groups; that is, the new United Church of Christ, and also current mergers of large groups of Lutherans, some very liberal with others relatively conservative.

Despite opposition from minorities within their denominations, these mergers have been approved by the majority, and no doubt it would be useless to try to analyze the thinking (?) of the individuals who voted for the mergers.

The hierarchies of many of the larger denominations within the National Council of Churches are insisting that Protestants must unite, first with each other and finally with the Roman church, after which we'll have one great united front to present to communism. Sounds good at first, but also is a bit perplexing when viewed alongside the pro-Communist sympathies of many National Council leaders and boards.

In all fairness, Bible-believing Christians must admit that there is ofttimes a real need for more cooperation among Bible-believing churches. There is, to a degree, the "scandal of division," which the ecumenicists howl about so loudly. Perhaps there is a certain unwarranted competition of church against church, of denomination against denomination in many quarters.

But is the Scriptural answer a dropping of all doctrinal barriers in a great "unite at any cost" program? This is obviously what Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, Bishop Pike, and others are proposing when all the window-dressing is removed from their grandiose programs.

Sad to say, many nationally known Bible Christian leaders have gone along with the "peace at any price" line. They have adopted the policy of blurring or completely obscuring all doctrinal differences, major or minor. They insist that Bible Christians and unbelieving Modernists must work together and walk together in brotherly (?) love in the interests of reaching the most people with the Gospel of Christ.

This compromise policy has tremendously weakened the efforts of Bible Christians in our land to stand for the truth. Pastors and people confronted with the choice of compromising and going along with the "new evangelicals," or of standing firm for the truth of God's Word—have for the most part taken the easier way. They have compromised and followed the crowd down the popular road—the way of least resistance.

I propose to show that Scriptural cooperation (between Bible Christians alone) is not only possible but is a reality right now to a much greater extent than either Modernists or our own Brethren would probably realize.

This I have seen with my own

eyes during the past two summers. I had the privilege of spending a week during the summer of 1960, another week during the summer of 1961 at Winona Lake Bible Conference.

Here, by the sparkling water of Winona Lake, I found the principle of unity within diversity exemplified at its very best.

Let me cite examples to show what I mean.

The liberals are trying to jam integration of the races down the throats of everybody, regardless of the individual's personal convictions. Here at Winona Lake one could see a voluntary integration of just about all the races of the world—yes, completely free of any pressures. During one week in 1960, Dr. Andrew Gih, a Chinese Christian, member of the yellow race, preached to the folks at the conference. There were whites and negroes in the congregation. In the summer of 1961, the Claus Indian family, red-skinned original Americans, provided the musical portion of the services during one week of the conference. Also in 1961 I heard men of the Hebrew branch of the white race, representatives of the American Association for Jewish Evangelism, preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Might I ask our friends of the National Council to produce a similar example of true ecumenicalism at a Bible conference or any other comparable meeting-place? Orientals, whites, Negroes, American Indians and Jews, all preaching or hearing the same Gospel, singing the same songs, and above all, worshiping the same Lord Jesus Christ. (The Christ of Winona Lake Biblical ecumenicalism is not the false, watered-down Christ who is the product of the minds of unbelief, but instead is the glorious Christ of the Bible, the second person of the Trinity.)

Speaking of denominations, I heard messages by Dr. Walvoord of Dallas Seminary, who is of Presbyterian persuasion; Dr. William Ward Ayer, a Baptist; and Dr. Paul Bauman of Grace Brethren. In my travels around the environs of Winona, I encountered Free Methodists holding their conference, I met laymen from the Reformed Church of America and from the Brethren in Christ movement. In the restaurant I was served by a young waitress who was a member of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, and I talked to Presbyterians who know and love the same Lord Jesus Christ as I do.

Did these Christians I've mentioned above go about within their own little narrow denominational groups, or did they turn a cold shoulder toward others of different race or denominational persuasion? Nothing of the kind. One never heard denomination mentioned. I had to *inquire* in order to find out the affiliations I've mentioned above.

Here, may I insist, is a living example of a *Biblical* cooperation, a *Scriptural* ecumenicalism, if you please, in our midst.

Here is the only true unity—the invisible, but so very real unity of the body of Christ. Every born-again believer is a brother to every other born again believer. The lowest common denominator of Christian unity must be an agreement on the great cardinal truths of the Word of God. This we see in reality and in action at Winona Lake, and at the many other Bible conferences over the breadth of our land.

To those of you of like precious faith, I beg of you, let's not fall for the shortsighted pleas, the sentimental mouthings of those, whether liberals or compromising conservatives, who would sell their birthright for a mess of pottage, that would achieve a false union of Bible Christians with modern, Bible-denying unbelievers.

Instead, let us obey our Lord who clearly told us to ". . . come out from among them and be ye separate," and that "If any man preach any other gospel than that I have preached, let him be accursed." Let us encourage cooperation between those who agree on the cardinal truths of the Word of God. Let us see much more of the sort of real Christian brotherhood which can be seen at any Bible conference. Then we shall be showing both love for the brethren and obedience to God's Word in its repeated, unmistakable demands for separation from unbelief. Both of these are necessary. One without the other is incomplete and unscriptural.

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Youth Page

...of the Brethren Youth Council

Compiled by Dave Hocking, National Youth Director



Dr. Bernard Schneider

Dr. Bernard ("Bernie") Schneider, well-known to many of our churches throughout our fellowship, will be speaking at our Brethren Youth Conference on Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m.

Dr. Schneider, who was born in Germany, had a background in Roman Catholicism for a number of years, until he was led to the Lord through the testimony of an elderly lady in California.

Dr. Schneider has pastored and founded a number of churches, and more recently has been holding several evangelistic meetings throughout our brotherhood.

Dr. Schneider will be speaking on the theme of the conference, "To Know Him and to Make Him Known," especially as it relates to the ministry.

Dr. George H. McQueen will be one of the featured speakers at our National Youth Conference in Winona Lake next month. Dr. McQueen will be speaking on Tuesday evening at 8:00 p.m. in the Rodeheaver Music Center. A native of Ireland, Dr. McQueen has worked actively in the fields of music, evangelism, and Youth for Christ, for a number of years. In 1943, he founded the Youth Evangelistic Crusade in Ireland and organized seven major campaigns on a citywide basis in Belfast, the citadel of evangelism in the British Isles. In 1946, he invited the Youth for Christ Team to Ireland, composed of Dr. Torrey M. Johnson, Dr. Billy Graham, Stratten Shufelt, and Rev. Charles Templeton. In 1947, he organized the first Billy Graham campaign in Belfast. In 1954, he moved from Ireland to Canada, directing a radio broadcast, and for two years, directed music in the People's Church of Toronto; he also became Associate Director of Toronto's largest youth rally and was vice-president of Christian Business Men's Committee. In 1960, he moved to the United States, and is now working in South Bend, Indiana, with the Beltone Hearing Service. He and his lovely family have joined the Ireland Road Brethren Church where he is teaching the Married Couple's Class and working as musical director. In 1961, he received an honorary Doctor of Music degree from Burton College and Seminary in Colorado Springs. In 1962, he was placed among the top ten salesmen of his company.

Brethren Youth Conference Registrations

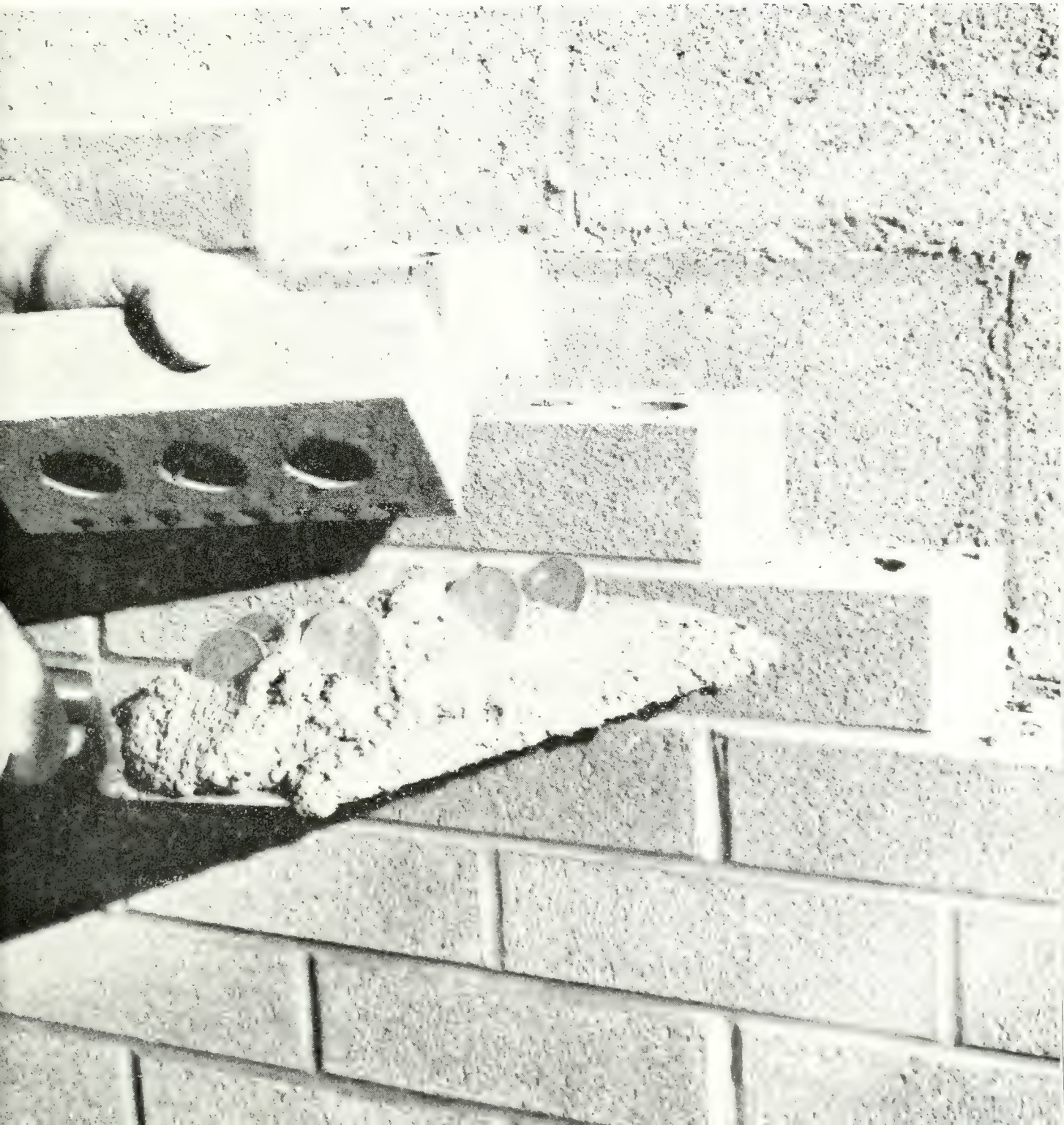
If you are planning to attend the national Brethren Youth Conference in Winona Lake, you should turn in your registration blanks before August 1, 1962. Any registrations received after that date will carry $1 fine. Registrations may be obtained from your pastor or youth director.



Dr. George H. McQueen

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EDITORIALS

By Lester E. Pifer

Dedicated lives, building materials, missionary dollars, combined with the building principles of the Word of God are the necessary ingredients to build a Brethren home-mission church. God will open the door of a needy mission field, pour in these elements and produce a church with His blessing and power. Seemingly, not one of these is sufficient in itself to accomplish the task.

An attempt to evangelize America with the establishment of Brethren home-mission churches without the blessing and power of God is certain to be fatal. The psalmist so carefully set this forth in Psalm 127:1: "Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it." Solomon, was cognizant of this fact and pled for God's blessing upon the finished Temple. God answered this dedication of life, labor, and talent with a marvelous benediction and manifestation. Is He not ready and willing to do the same today?

One cannot escape the fact that our Nation is a needy mission field. The Apostle Paul's vivid description of sin (Rom. chaps. 1-3); of apostasy (II Tim. 3); and of conditions in the latter days (II Thess. 2) can be readily seen all about us. God's open doors in so many places cause us to stand in humble sobriety with the keen recognition of our responsibility. We believe that God has providentially reserved for The Brethren Church these opportunities because of our beliefs and integrity in the presentation of Scriptural truth. Did not Paul's charge to preach the Word to young Timothy follow his analysis of the conditions of the day, his assurance of the accomplishment with a thorough ministry of the Scriptures?

It is imperative in the anticipation of the maximum blessing of God to be in complete obedience and harmony with the principles of God's Word in the discharge of our missionary responsibility. The warning of Zechariah cannot be bypassed (Zech. 4:6) ". . . This is the Word of the Lord . . . Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." God builds His church! He uses the Holy Spirit to direct human talent, might, and power. This direction will not run counter to, or apart from the plan, purpose, and will of God.

No lasting and effective testimony for Christ can be established without dedicated lives. This vital timber must be stronger than the arches that hold up the roof or the walls that enclose the church. God's answer to Solomon's petition of dedication strongly emphasizes this: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land" (II Chron. 7:14). Our effectiveness in home-mission endeavor will be in direct correlation to our spirituality, yieldedness to, and dependence upon the Lord of the church. This must be true of the leadership, constituency, and supporters of the important ministry of church extension.

Dedicated dollars in gifts and investments plus men and material are needed to build home-mission churches. Home-mission church sanctuaries and educational facilities must be well planned, sound in construction, simple and in good taste. Building materials have skyrocketed in price. These years of inflation have brought major increases in labor costs. The buying power of today's construction dollar is only a small fraction of that purchasing power ten years ago. Today, it costs $10 to $12 (in some places more) to produce one square foot of floor space. Thus the task of establishing home-mission churches costs more today than ever before. Yet here is a practical truth that we recognize every day of our normal lives. The bread we eat, the house we build, the appliances we need—these costs remind us in a very practical way of the shortcoming of each dollar.

Have we projected these facts into the realm of home-mission giving? Are our home-mission gifts of today commensurate with our giving of ten years ago? Is the spirit of sacrifice, the thrill of seeing new churches arise, the joy of souls saved, as it was twenty years ago? Can we say that we have stepped up the pace of our praying as the job of reaching America becomes more and more difficult? The time has come for a real evaluation of our purpose, our concern and our concentration of our basic home-mission responsibility (Matt. 28:19-20; Acts 1:8).

The Brethren Home Missions Council board of directors, the administration, and staff, and each missionary have placed themselves upon the altar of service. Life talent, and time are dedicated to reach souls and to establish Bible preaching churches. We wait daily before the Lord in prayer for our needs, for wisdom and guidance, for God's power and blessing.

Will you pray that each member of our fellowship will do the same? Pray that all our hearts shall thrill with God's work in the transformation of lives, and that our missionary offerings presented week by week will meet this year's home-mission need.

COVER PHOTO—HOME MISSION ISSUE



Bricks and Mortar are important but not the most important need in building Brethren home-mission churches. Dedicated lives, dedicated missionaries, and dedicated dollars are necessary.

On the Move with HOME MISSIONS



Home Missions—The Hub of Brethren Church Extension

Brethren home missionaries have helped to establish and develop over ninety of our present churches.

More than 11,000 have been born again in our new Brethren churches. Soul-winning is the heart of home missions.

Home-mission churches have produced over one hundred missionaries for foreign and home missionary service.

New Sunday schools, Brethren Youth Fellowships, Sisterhoods, Boys' Clubs, Women's Missionary Councils, and Laymen's groups have been formed in home-mission points from coast to coast.

Missionary enthusiasm and activity is increasing home-mission giving each year. Branch church and Sunday-school work is gaining more and more interest in our larger churches.

Specialized missions to the Navajo Indian, Jewish folk, Kentucky Mountain areas, Colored people, and the Spanish-American have been established. Young people from these missions are volunteering for training and full-time ministries.

New church buildings are under construction constantly. New groups continue to appeal for help. New growths in densely populated city and urban communities continue to beckon a Bible-preaching church. These facts and many more indicate God's blessings and the challenging open doors of the present.

In just a few weeks the fourteen directors of The Brethren Home Missions Council will meet for the consideration of this coming year's work, the budget, and other related matters. What shall we do about these new fields? How much can we promise those who are now in great need? Shall we extend farther, support only those we now have or cut back our home-mission program? Just how much shall our faith in an Infinite God dominate our decisions? How much confidence and faith shall we have in our Brethren churches and their home-mission offering response this year? *Brethren, you hold the key to home mission growth!*

Home missions is the hub of Brethren church extension. Every auxiliary gains as new churches are established. In a very practical way, *The Brethren Church grows with home missions.* Your home-mission dollar pays rich dividends in every phase of Brethren activity. Pray earnestly that God may enable The Brethren Church to continue its pace in Brethren church extension. Pray fervently that our need for increased gifts may be met this year.—*Lester E. Pifer*

Portland on the Move for Christ



















Left, top down: Nursery department, Mrs. Thelma Beery, teacher; kindergarten, Mrs. Paul Clinton and Mrs. Rosie Green teachers; first grade, Mrs. Laura Marshall, teacher; second grade, Mrs. Betty Mackey. Right, top down: Third grade, Mrs. John Marquardt; Junior girls, Mrs. Anetta Peterson; junior boys, Mrs. Clarence Green; young people, Mark Mackey; and Adult, Neil Beery.

Portland, Oregon on the Move for Christ

By Lester E. Pifer

The Portland church is literally a beehive of activity these days. The enthusiastic pastor, Rev. Neil Beery moved his family to Portland and took the helm of this church just two years ago. He was greeted by a small group of faithful folks who had real courage, faith, and a splendid spirit of cooperation.

Brother Beery immediately initiated a systematic visitation program in the area. A visitation secretary was appointed and necessary cards and filing system were obtained. Mrs. Marquardt became the Sunday school and morning worship receptionist. Each visitor is welcomed at her desk in the vestibule and given a guest ribbon on which the name of the church and address is printed, along with the slogan, "The Friendly Church at the End of the Avenue." Each registration is followed with a personal letter from the pastor on Monday. A personal visit by a member of the church or pastor follows the written greeting.

Attendances in every service have climbed steadily. Last year the Sunday school recorded almost a 500 percent increase over the previous year. Now the attendances in Sunday school are averaging eighty-five, morning worship seventy, evening worship fifty-two, and prayer meeting twenty-two. Brother Beery testifies that the faithfulness of his people, their cooperation in all of his programs, their regularity at the services of the church, and their splendid interest in prayer has been a deepening source of encouragement to his ministry.

Souls are being saved at Portland. Twenty-two decisions have been recorded and twenty-two members have been added to the church. The prospect list continues to swell with more than one hundred families of which 90 percent are from the local community. In most cases, someone from the family is already attending some service of the church. Brother Beery says: "This prospect list has challenged my heart with the tremendous potential that we have in Portland."

Finances are on the increase in all departments. Recently a check for $500 was sent to the Brethren Investment Foundation as another payment on their building loan. A week spent with Rev. and Mrs. Leo Polman in a stewardship conference was a great blessing to the church and is credited with having stirred the membership with their responsibility in this realm.

Brother Beery states that he is extremely happy with the progress of the work in Portland. He longs to see many of these prospects reached for Christ. He is grateful for the experience of working with the Brethren Home Missions Council as a home missionary. He is thrilled weekly with the work of the Lord, the many manifestations of God's grace and power.

Rev. Neil Beery and his wife came from the First Brethren Church in Sterling, Ohio. He has served in Brethren pastorates in Wadsworth, Ohio, Danville, Ohio, Ankenytown, Ohio and Harrah, Washington. His final word was "Brethren, pray for us in Portland."

CONFERENCE PLANS COMPLETED?

This will be the last Home Mission issue before the 1962 conference of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. By the time this issue arrives, it will be just about the deadline for making plans to attend. Have you considered why you should be at Winona Lake, Indiana, August 12-19?

Responsibility! Every church in our beloved fellowship should have its maximum representation with its full quota of delegates present for every business session. Do you know that at the opening session of the 1961 conference there were only 314 lay delegates seated when we were entitled to a minimum of 507 according to the statisticians report?

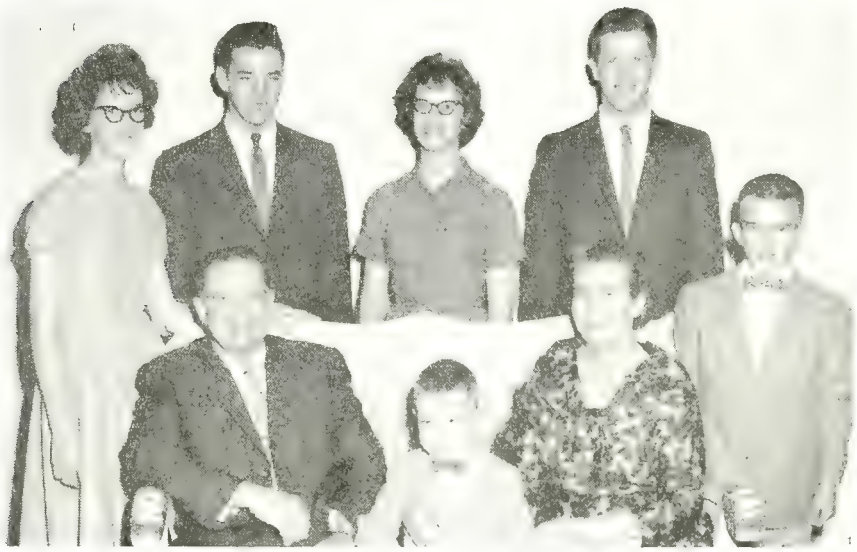
Rewards! The rewards will not be tangible but they will be something you can get in no other way than by personal attendance. Your heart will thrill to the missionary messages, missionary testimonies, missionary forums, missionary rallies and mis sionary challenge hours.

The Sunday School Convention has become synonymous with the conference and always a highlight preceding the actual conference sessions. You get a first hand report on every organization making up our National Fellowship of Brethren Churches.

Remember! It is your conference. In the words of someone from the last political election: "If you do not vote, do not gripe." In the county of which Winona Lake is a part only 46 percent of the registered voters voted in the last primary election. In the last NFBC Conference 61 percent of the allotted delegates did the business. We want you to attend the conference, and to pray for it.



Home Mission Families in the News



Rev. and Mrs. Sam Horney and family

Taos, New Mexico. Rev. and Mrs. Sam I. Horney celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary on Sunday, June 24, 1962. Open house was observed from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., meeting in the new Youth Building.

The Horney family consists of the following children: Thomas, Douglas, Susan, Phyllis, Sam Jr., and Gilbert. Thomas and Douglas have been at Grace College, Winona Lake.

The Horneys began their ministry at Taos, New Mexico in November 1949, thus spending over one half of their married lives at this one mission among the Spanish-American people. Prior to serving in this field and following Grace Seminary, a time was spent in the pastorate at Cheyenne, Wyoming.



From left to right: Mark, Kathy, Brother Durkee, Mrs. Durkee, Kay, and Christie.

Vandalia, Ohio. Sherwood Durkee and family joined the Brethren Home Missions family on a full-time basis following the 1962 Grace Seminary Commencement. For several months prior to graduation Brother Durkee commuted from Winona Lake to Vandalia, Ohio and supplied the church on a part-time basis.

Brother Durkee terminated his work with the Brethren Missionary Herald June 1 where he had been employed for the greater part of his preparation period at Grace.

The Grace Brethren Church of Vandalia is one of our newer home-mission churches and would be considered within the greater Dayton, Ohio area. The church is now buying a church location and will plan to build in the near future.



Rev. and Mrs. Howard Vulgamore with Judy and Jane

Winona Lake, Indiana. The Howard Vulgamore family completed their ministry at the Brethren Navajo Mission on July 1, 1962. They have moved to Winona Lake, Indiana, where Brother Vulgamore will become principal and teacher of the Brethren Elementary School, Warsaw, Indiana.

Howard served five years as principal and teacher in the Brethren Navajo Mission and Boarding School, Cuba, New Mexico. Mrs. Vulgamore did the secretarial and bookkeeping work for the Mission.

Upon graduation from Grace Theological Seminary, Brother Vulgamore became assistant pastor of the First Brethren Church, Inglewood, California and served as principal of the Christian Day School.

Grandview, Washington. George Christie with his family arrived at Grandview, Washington, and assumed the responsibilities of the First Brethren Church on Sunday, June 17, 1962. Brother Christie graduated from Grace Theological Seminary with the class of 1962 and is also a new member of the home-missions family.

The Christies came into The Brethren Church via the Home Missions Church of Lansing, Michigan. Broth-



Mr. and Mrs. George Christie with Vicki, Randy, Debbie and Vance

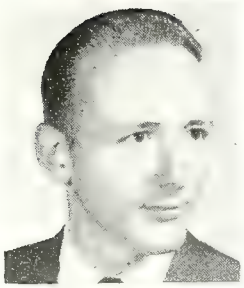
er Christie was active in the laymen's work and served on the executive committee of the district. During the preparation years at Grace Seminary the Christies served in the Sidney Brethren Church.

The former pastor, Robert Griffith, completed his ministry on June 10 and the following Sunday Brother Christie was on the field to start his ministry.

Barberton, Ohio. Rev. Robert Markley in accepting the First Brethren Church of Barberton, Ohio, accepted his fourth home-missions challenge. Two of the three previous home-mission churches became self-supporting when they were under Brother Markley's ministry, so he is no newcomer, but he manages to



Rev. and Mrs. Robert Markley and family





Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mensinger

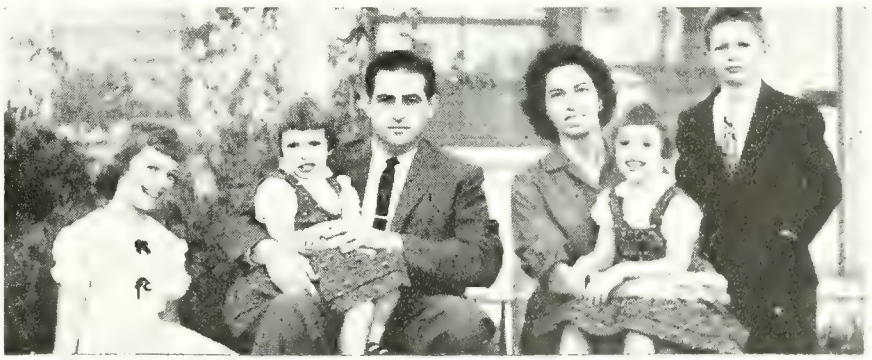
stay on our roster for only short periods at a time.

A note the other day said: "On June 13 we had forty-four in prayer meeting of which twenty-one were youth. Praise the Lord!" This is where every home-mission church starts on the way to becoming self-supporting —the prayer meeting.

Denver, Colorado. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mensinger began a new ministry in the Northland section of greater Denver on July 1, 1962. This new area is called Arvada and the work will be known as the Northwest Grace Brethren Church of Arvada, Colorado.

The work was started as the Golden Bible Class through the cooperation of the Midwest district, the Grace Brethren Church, Denver, Colorado, and the First Brethren Church, Cheyenne, Wyoming. At the outset it was a week night Bible Class and taught by the Denver pastor, Thomas Inman. More recently the class was changed to a Sunday afternoon service and now a full schedule of services will be initiated.

Brother Mensinger graduated from Grace Theological Seminary with honors in the class of 1962. His home church was a former home-mission church at New Troy, Michigan. While in Grace Seminary he pastored the Barbee Lakes Brethren Church near Winona Lake, Indiana. Brother and Sister Mensinger will be working in this field on a self-supporting basis.



The McClellan family, "Cathy", James, Vivian, Charles, and the twins Nancy and Barbara

Cuba, New Mexico. Rev. James McClellan, superintendent, and family returned to the Brethren Navajo Mission after about one month of absence during some itineration and vacation. A number of churches were visited in California and the Northwest. Brother McClellan writes: "At this point on the calendar [June 23] we have fifty-one children enrolled for the next school term to begin August 27. It is certainly gratifying to see the fine response from our Brethren people desiring to adopt one of the schoolchildren even before the school term begins."

The mission will be facing a staff shortage with the leaving of the Howard Vulgamore family, and you are requested to remember this need in prayer. The remaining families on the staff will be taking vacations, doing the regular routine work, and trying to catch up on some much needed building and maintenance work.

ISRAEL CALLS!

Judaism's Gentile Mission (Conclusion)

By Bruce L. Button



Rev and Mrs. Bruce L. Button and Miss Isobel Fraser, missionaries to the Jews.

Rabbi Simon had no sooner retired from the pulpit than Rabbi Leon Rosenberg was introduced. He stated that he was against Judaism engaging in any missionary activity among the gentiles. He defended his position by first stating he was a "Reconstructionist." As far as Judaism is concerned, Reconstructionism has the objectives "to revitalize the Jewish religion and to enrich the Jewish tradition so that Jews in a modern democratic society can give greater meaning to their lives while contributing to the cultural life of the general community. The objectives are based on the belief that Judaism can be reinterpreted to meet the intellectual demands and spiritual needs of life in a contemporary America" (Gaer and Wolf in *Our Jewish Heritage*). What these men really say is this—Let's compromise our religious principles that we might not sustain any disagreeable experiences (BLB).

Rabbi Rosenberg felt that the advocates of Judaism would have all they could do if they would interpret their belief to the end it might enable them to become a vital element in their local community and also in the world community. This could only be accomplished as Judaism became a vital element in the life of each individual Jew. "A reconstructionist does not practice Judaism because his father practiced it," said Rabbi Rosenberg, "he practices it because it becomes a vital part of his life."

Secondly, Rabbi Rosenberg felt that before the Christianity of the New Testament Judaism was and should have been a missionary religion. He cited references in the New Testament and Talmud which told of the Pharisees' attempts to gain converts among the gentiles. "The missionary," said Rabbi Rosenberg, "must have something to offer the other fellow; something he does not have. When Christianity came on the scene it left nothing to Judaism to offer to the gentile." And Rabbi Rosenberg maintained that Judaism today has nothing to offer to the gentile because of Christianity, and because the gentile is a good person in himself, and because Judaism does not have any particular access to truth which the gentile does not have. Thus to Rabbi Rosenberg for a Jew to attempt the conversion of gentiles to Judaism is a waste of time. The debate ended on this note.

A voice vote was taken to ascertain who was favored in the debate. Rabbi Rosenberg was the victor. However quite a few did support Rabbi Simon of "The Jewish Information Society." As we started for home I thought of the Isaiah passage: "Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; see ye indeed, but perceive not. Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes, lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed" (Isa. 6:9-10). How blind, how deaf, how conceited can men become in their spiritual ignorance and deadness! Here are two men claiming to be "teachers," both admitting Judaism is not the ultimate answer to man's problem and debating whether or not Judaism should become a missionary religion. At least Rabbi Rosenberg was honest when he admitted Judaism had nothing to offer the gentile. And from all the impression, he was conscious of modern Judaism's lack of the dynamic force necessary to make it vital and alive. Two men debating a question that the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob had settled centuries ago. Modern Judaism can never be a missionary religion because the leaders are blind. Of such the Lord Jesus said: "Let them alone; they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch" (Matt. 15: 14).

But thank God the Word of God does not leave the Jewish people at this point. Our Lord is gracious. He tells us further: "That blindness *in part* is happened to Israel" (Rom. 11:25). And as we have obtained mercy through the Jews unbelief, even so have these Jews also now not believed that through our mercy they may also obtain mercy.

We may never touch the heart of the Jewish "teacher" (although even this is possible), but his blind follower can be reached through prayer and preaching of the Gospel of Jesus the Messiah. You see Christianity has that which Judaism lacks—the Way, the Truth, and the Life—The Lord Jesus Christ!

CORPORATION MEMBERS NOTICE

The 1962 annual corporation meetings of The Brethren Home Missions Council, Incorporated and the Brethren Investment Foundation, Incorporated, Winona Lake, Indiana, will be held on Wednesday, August 15, 1962. The place of meeting will be the Auditorium, Winona Lake, Indiana.

Home Mission Field Reports

TAOS, NEW MEXICO (Sam Horney, missionary). When an emergency call went out for blood donors for the teen-age daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Amarante Romero of Ranches de Taos, three members of the Canon Brethren Church staff responded. Rev. and Mrs. Sam Horney and Miss Celina Mares made the trip to the espanola United Brethren Hospital to give their blood and appealed to the congregation for more donors. Latest reports indicate that Miss Romero is improving.

ELYRIA, OHIO (Galen Lingenfelter, pastor). Last Sunday (June 17) we baptized five and added five new members to the church. We concluded a very fine VBS this week with an average attendance of eighty-eight children. A number of the children publicly accepted Christ as Saviour.

TROTWOOD, OHIO (Larry Gegner, pastor). We praise God for His blessing on our first VBS in which fifteen children made decisions for Christ. Our highest attendance was 167 in the school and we had 216 present for the closing program.

DAYTON, OHIO (Everett Caes, pastor). We thank God for the eleven people who were recently baptized and came into the membership of our church. We now have five more planning to be baptized. We are also grateful to the Lord for the fine VBS, which was one of the largest in our church records.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN (Earle Peer, pastor). On a recent Sunday a man and his wife confessed Christ as their Saviour and will obey Him in baptism as soon as arrangements can be made. Since we have no baptistry, we plan to hold the service at a nearby lake. The same day another couple rededicated their lives to the Lord and dedicated their two children to Him.

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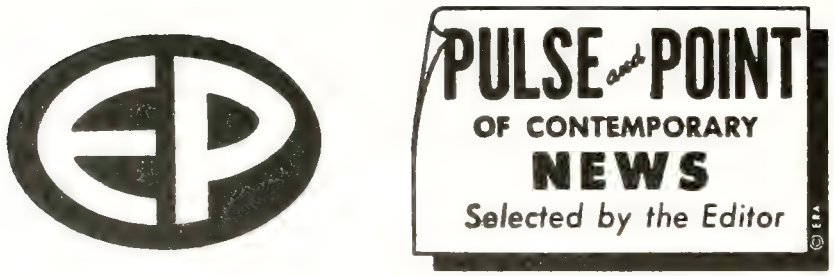
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DETROIT, MICH. Addressing some 2,000 delegates at the annual convention of the Conservative Baptist Association of America, Dr. Charles J. Woodbridge warned that a "new evangelicalism" is threatening the conservative Protestant movement. He said this neo-evangelicalism grew out of a new mood rampant among evangelicals which tolerates "heresy" and reaches out to a "left wing."

"Leading conservative Protestants," Woodbridge charged, "picked up liberal ideas as they earned Ph.D. degrees in American, British, and German universities. "This trend," he said, "was followed by evangelicals questioning inclusion of certain books in the Bible and showing a lack of wonderment about basic fundamentalist doctrines.

"Finally came a shift in theology," he continued, "which threatens to welcome back 'modernism' or the 'social gospel' among conservatives."

Dr. Woodbridge is a Bible Teacher for Word of Life, a youth evangelism society which headquarters in New York. He is a member of the Pasadena Congregational church, but was ordained a Presbyterian minister. Dr. Woodbridge's wife went to be with the Lord the latter part of May. Her death was due to encephalitis.

WINONA LAKE, IND. Bob Davenport, former All-American football star now of Taylor University, will "kickoff" the first Winona Christian Olympics to be held here August 20-25, 1962. There will be all of the competition, action, and excitement of an international track and field meet as athletes gather from all over the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

In developing and sponsoring the first program of this type on an international scale, the Free Methodist Youth organization has felt the challenge of providing an outlet for the interest and abilities of young men in the field of athletics. The entire program will be under the supervision of outstanding Christian coaches. Mr. Bob Briner, director of athletics at Spring Arbor (Mich.) College, will be directing the program. Assisting him will be Coach Robert Smith, Greenville (Ill.) College, and Coach Tom Morgan, Malone College, Canton, Ohio. Coach Smith will be conducting a class on "The Christian in Competition," and Mr. Davenport will be a featured speaker at the Winona Youth Advance, an annual gathering of Free Methodist Youth, to be held at the same time.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN. Veteran newsman George Burnham, former news editor of *Christianity Today* and *World Vision* magazines, died June 11, following an operation here. He was 43 years of age.

Burnham traveled throughout the world with Dr. Bob Pierce and Dr. Billy Graham on several trips, filing stories for hundreds of daily papers throughout the United States. He was for some years a reporter on the staff of the *Chattanooga News-Free-Press*. He authored two books on Graham's ministry: *Billy Graham: Mission Accomplished,* and *To the Far Corners,* and also *Prison Is My Parish,* the biography of Atlanta's famed prison chaplain Park Tucker.

WASHINGTON, D. C. The Senate Rules Committee has voted unanimously to "postpone indefinitely"—and thus kill—a resolution proposed by Sen. Wayne Morse (Dem.-Oreg.) and five other members which would have banned the serving of alcoholic beverages at social functions held in the public rooms on the Senate side of the U.S. Capitol.

The resolution would have applied the same rules to the Senate side of the Capitol building and to the two Senate office buildings that have always held on the House side of the Capitol and the House office buildings. The latter are under control of the House of Representatives under Congressional protocol.

Seven of the nine members of the Rules Committee were present at the meeting at which the resolution was shelved. A committee aide declined to name the two absent members but said they agreed with the action.

Sen. Mike Mansfield (Dem.-Mont.), majority leader of the Senate, is chairman of the committee. Other members are Sens. Carl Hayden (Dem.-Ariz), B. Everett Jordan (Dem.-N. C.), Howard W. Cannon (Dem.-Nev.), Carl T. Curtis (Rep.-Nebr.), Kenneth B. Keating (Rep.-N. Y.), J. J. Hickey (Dem.-Wyo.), Claiborne Pell (Dem.-R. I.), and Jack Miller (Rep.-Iowa).

The bill proposing the ban on cocktail parties is a simple Senate resolution which would require only a majority of the 100 members of the Senate to adopt. However, they will not have an opportunity to vote on it unless it is reported to the floor by the Rules Committee.

BROOKLYN, N. Y. Several hundred thousand people watched as the long line of children—some 150,000 of them—marched through Brooklyn and Queens.

On the children's arms were bands proclaiming "Christ, Today and Tomorrow."

The occasion? The traditional annual parade of the Brooklyn Sunday School Union. The long line of march required organization of 27 separate divisions in boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens.

Held since 1829, this year's parade was the 133d and marked the founding of the Sunday School Union in 1816. The union is one of the first interdenominational movements to provide free religious instruction to public school children.

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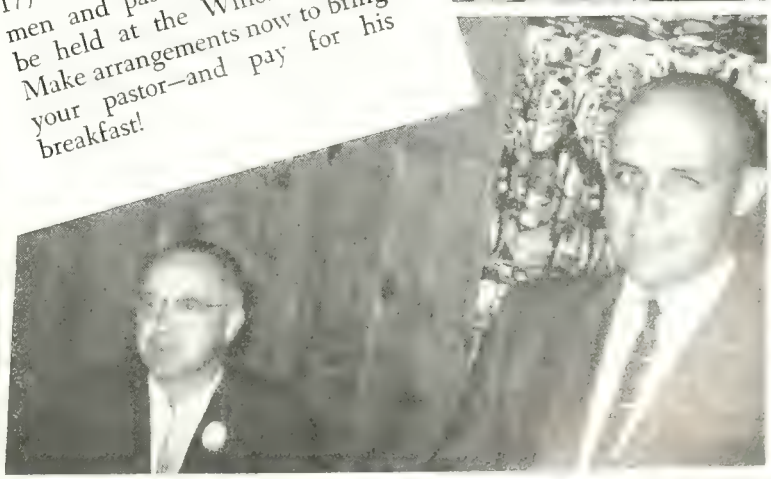
LAYMEN'S MEETINGS

You'll want to plan to be at this year's meetings! Laymen will again be the featured speakers . . . come and enjoy the fellowship and inspiration. Sessions will be held Tuesday, August 14 through Saturday, August 18, in the Rainbow Room of the Westminster Hotel.

On Friday morning (August 17) at 7:00 a.m., a special laymen and pastor's breakfast will be held at the Winona Hotel. Make arrangements now to bring your pastor—and pay for his breakfast!







The Color Scheme of Scripture

In the September 1961 issue of the National Geographic magazine there are depicted in brilliant colors the flags of the ninety-nine countries then composing the United Nations. In the account accompanying the portrayal of each flag, the meaning of the colors and design is given.

Color tells a graphic story in practically every instance. The different colors stand for various things which characterize the particular nations. For instance, red or crimson, a very prominent color in many of the flags, stands for such things as war, sacrifice, the blood of heroes, courage, and independence. Green stands for prosperity, fertile fields, forests, the animal, mineral, and vegetable kingdoms, faith and hope. Yellow denotes wealth, sunshine and bright prospects for the future. Blue depicts the heavens, royalty, liberty, as well as more tangible objects, such as the Nile river, the sea, the mountains, and the Czech hills. Black brings to memory the hardships through which some countries have passed in reaching peace and liberty. White stands for many things, such as purity, peace, truth, righteousness, and steadfastness. It likewise refers to certain physical characteristics of certain countries, such as glaciers and abundant snow. Other colors tell their own story.

While enjoying the beauty of this grand array of national flags, the writer was reminded that God has a color scheme which He has set forth in His Word. By it He has revealed His redemptive plan in a most graphic manner. Let us look at it.

It will be well to begin with *gold* as the color of first consideration. Both as a color and a material it appears literally hundreds of times in Scripture. It appears with special prominence inside the Old Testament Tabernacle which very clearly is a type of the Lord Jesus Christ in His glory and ministry (John 1: 14). There the walls, the Candlestick, the Table of Shewbread, the Altar of Incense, the Ark with its mercy seat were of gold. It speaks of the glory and deity of the Redeemer. It is not without significance that when the Wise Men came to see Jesus they brought gifts of *gold,* and frankincense, and myrrh (Matt. 2: 11). The gifts of gold testified to His glorious majesty as the eternal Son of God.

Gold is yellow with a tinge of red in it. This combination fittingly portrays our majestic Lord who permitted himself to pass through the Calvary experience for man's redemption.

Blue is the next color we will consider in God's color scheme. It appears about fifty times in Scripture. This is the heavenly color and is a constant reminder that Christ came down from the glory to bring salvation. The curtains of the Tabernacle, the inner and outer veils, the hanging for the gate of the court, all had blue in them (Exod. 26 and 27). The breastplate, the garments and the crown that the priests wore had blue in them (Exod. 28:15, 31, 38). In each instance there is reference to Him who came down from heaven to be man's Saviour. John's Gospel has often been referred to as the "Blue Gospel" because it pictures so wonderfully the Son of God from heaven.

It is interesting also to note that in Old Testament times the children of Israel were to wear a hem of *blue* on their garments (Num. 15:38). The children of God are never to forget that they belong to the Lord from above and owe to Him their full allegiance.

Then *purple* is a prominent color in the Scriptures. It is the color of royalty. We refer again to the Tabernacle, this remarkable type of Christ, and note its *purple* curtains, the inner and outer veils containing *purple* in the material, and *purple* in the cloth of the hanging of the court gate. The garments of the priests also had *purple* in them (Exod. 26-28). In John 19:2 where the antitype of these Old Testament pictures is seen we read: "The soldiers platted a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and they put on him a *purple* robe." Of course, this was done in derision but they did more than they knew, for the *purple* spoke of Christ's kingship and He was the King of kings. The next time you see a bed of purple Iris let it cause you to think of Him who one day will assume His rightful position and reign over this needy world as King of kings and Lord of lords.

Red or scarlet is another prominent color of Scripture appearing about fifty times. Looking again at the Tabernacle, we see frequency of this color as of the others previously mentioned. It stands for the Lord Jesus Christ who in the fullness of time became the world's Saviour. From Genesis to Revelation the scarlet thread of redemption runs for "Without the shedding of blood there is no remission" of sin (Heb. 9:22). In Joshua, chapter 2, there is the remarkable story of Rahab being saved because she had the scarlet line in the window. How is it with my reader, has the flow of Calvary reached your heart so that the sin question has been settled and salvation is your precious possession?

See also the usage of *white* in the Word of God. It speaks of purity and holiness. It refers both to our Lord and to those who have been cleansed by Him. In respect to Christ on the Mount of Transfiguration we read: "His raiment was *white* as the



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light" (Matt. 17:2). In the description of the glorified Christ in Revelation 1 it says: "His head and his hairs were *white* like wool, as *white* as snow." In respect to men we have such passages as Psalm 51:7: "Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow." And also in a description of the bride of Christ there appear these words: "And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and *white:* for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints" (Rev. 19:8). Thank God for the privilege of a white life as set forth in one of the greatest verses in the Bible: "For he hath made him to be sin for us who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in him" (II Cor. 5:21). All this is the result of the finished work of a spotless Redeemer.

Finally, note the appearance of *green* in the Scriptures. This is the most refreshing of colors and sets forth God's provision, promises and rest—all which are related and minister to the complete satisfaction of the children of God. The psalmist said: "He maketh me to lie down in *green* pastures" (Ps. 23:2). This is expressive of the enjoyment of God's provision, a picture of rest and satisfaction. The psalmist also says: "The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon" (Ps. 92:12). These are both evergreen trees and depict the beauty and fruitfulness that God promises to those who are truly dedicated to Him.

Then in Revelation 4:3 we see a rainbow of *emerald* (green) encircling the majestic throne of God. Judgments are about to be poured out upon the earth, but the *green* rainbow symbolizes the fact that in these judgments mercy will be remembered. God will not forget His gracious promises to His people. In this fact they can always rest no matter what the situation may be. God wants them ever to manifest this attitude.

In summary, the color scheme of Scripture tells plainly the story that the One who has saved us is the Lord of glory, majestic and omnipotent, and thus entirely able to initiate such a salvation (gold). He in His compassion for a lost world came down from heaven (blue) to live in humiliation and at last to offer the supreme sacrifice for man's redemption at Calvary. This One who came was Israel's King and offered himself as such but was rejected by the ones to whom He came but one day He will reign as King of kings and Lord of lords over the whole earth (purple). In connection with His rejection was the shedding of His blood (scarlet) by which man's redemption was purchased. Through this scarlet flow He makes the heart of man as white as snow (white) and gives him a perfect standing with God. Resulting from this salvation the believer is given the privilege of a vigorous new life provided with the benefits of God's grace and commensurate with the salvation he has received. Let us not be color blind to what the Scriptures reveal in these matters!

CHRIST FORESHADOWED BY THE WILDERNESS TABERNACLE

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In Hebrews 9:1-5 the writer describes the Old Testament Tabernacle which in the Old Testament occupies the greater portion of the writings of Moses. This structure is the greatest single type of Christ in the whole Old Testament and speaks unmistakably of the person and the work of our Blessed Lord.

The Wilderness Tabernacle was a small, oblong building three times as long as it was wide or high. It was divided into two rooms by a veil or curtain so that the innermost room was as long as it was wide, leaving the outermost room twice as long as it was wide.

The innermost room was called the Holy of Holies. It was considered the most sacred spot on earth, for it was the place where the actual presence of God Almighty was locally manifested. It had but one article of furniture: the golden Ark of the Covenant with its golden lid known as the mercy seat. This Ark or chest was a repository for certain religious relics of the Hebrews; namely, the Ten Commandments, a golden pot with a sample of manna, and Aaron's rod that budded.

The outer room was known simply as the Holy Place. Within this room was the seven-branched lampstand burning oil that was known as the Golden Candlestick, on the left side; the Golden Altar of incense located in the center; and the Golden Table of Shewbread with its twelve small sheets of bread upon it, on the right side.

Directly in front of the Tabernacle there was the Brazen Laver and beyond that the Brazen Altar of sacrifice.

All of these things speak to us of Christ as does everything else in God's Word. The whole Tabernacle is a giant object lesson or a divinely purposed illustration given by God to teach mankind in picture form about the Lord Jesus Christ "the greater and more perfect tabernacle" (Heb. 9:11). This was given long before there was any written Word, and long before the eternal Word became incarnate as the living Word.

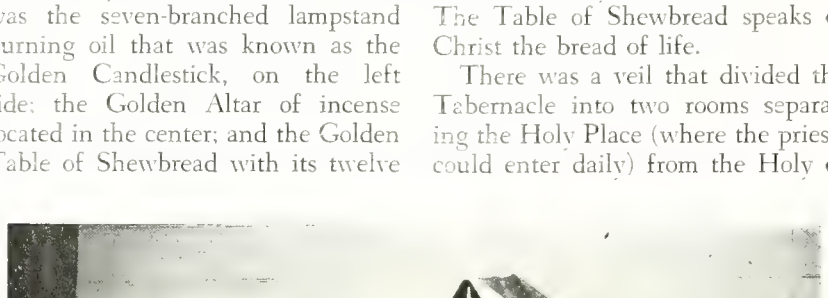
The Altar of sacrifice is symbolic of Christ our sacrifice. The Laver (which was filled with water for the washing of the hands and the feet of the priests) speaks of Christ our cleanser. The Golden Candlestick speaks of Christ as God, for gold typifies Deity. It had seven lights. Seven is the perfect number. It therefore speaks of Jesus Christ the Light of the World. The Altar of Incense, where incense was mingled with prayer daily speaks of Jesus Christ our intercessor, and brings to mind His intercessory work on our behalf. The Table of Shewbread speaks of Christ the bread of life.

There was a veil that divided the Tabernacle into two rooms separating the Holy Place (where the priests could enter daily) from the Holy of Holies (which could only be entered on one day of the year by the High Priest bearing the blood of sacrifice.) This veil speaks of the body of our blessed Lord (Heb. 10:20).

Were it not for the sacrifice of our blessed Lord no human being could ever enter into the presence of God. God is holy while human beings are sinful creatures. The problem that God Almighty was faced with when sin entered into the world and men and women were alienated from God because of sin was "How could sinful creatures ever again enter the presence of a holy God and find fellowship with Him?" In order to solve this problem God sent His Son Jesus to atone for sin. When Christ died the veil of the Temple (that by then had replaced the Tabernacle) was rent in twain from top to bottom signifying that through the death of God's Son, a way was opened so that sinful creatures could enter into God's holy presence.

The Holy of Holies (the innermost room) was the dwelling place of God. It had but one article of furniture: the Ark of the Covenant with its golden lid known as the mercy seat. This represents the throne of God which to the believer becomes the throne of grace whereby we may approach God for fellowship and with our petitions.

The six articles of furniture connected with the Tabernacle were laid out in the form of a cross (one



"Then verily the first covenant had also ordinances of divine service, and a worldly sanctuary. For there was a tabernacle made; the first, wherein was the candlestick, and the table, and the shewbread, which is called the sanctuary. And after the second veil, the tabernacle, which is called the Holiest of all, which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein was the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; and over it the cherubims of glory shadowing the mercyseat; of which we cannot now speak particularly" (Heb. 9:1-5).

line from the Ark through the Incense Altar, Laver and Brazen Altar crossed by another from the Candlestick through the Incense Altar to the table). Hundreds of years before Jesus Christ was born into this world, and hundreds of years before the cross as a method of execution was even dreamed about by the minds of fallen men, God directed that the furniture in this Tabernacle that represented His Son be laid out in the form of a cross. This was done because God knew then the death that His Son would have to die for sinners. The cross was the only way that God could find to reconcile the world unto himself. In the fullness of time, Jesus was manifested to the world, and He went to the cross, and there gave up His life for our redemption. Because He died for our sins, all that will become identified with His death by faith in Him shall be saved.

Longing

By Rev. Horace Mohler

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Eternity! O wondrous, gladsome morning!
Earth's fetters lifted and sad hearts revived;
Ecstatic joy our very frame adorning—
Heart-bursting joy—when we've at last arrived!

No more sin's night—the day is now before us—
That day of days the saints have waited long!
Strike then the note of never-ceasing chorus,
And praise the Lord in never-ending song!

He shed His blood on Calvary's cruel mountain,
That we might see this glorious morning dawn;
And opened up that crimson-flowing fountain
To wash away all trace of sin and wrong.

What rapturous bliss to clasp the hands of brothers
Long parted by the span of time now flown,
And meet on every hand a million others
Ne'er seen before, but recognized and known!

Here is the tree of life forever growing
In heaven's midst its leaves are healing green;
And there life's fount in cooling cascades flowing—
No thirst, no hunger, from henceforth is seen!

O Jesus, haste the dawning of that daybreak!
Come, blessed One, and take us home to be!
May we see soon the end of sin and heartache,
And dwell at last eternally with Thee!

"Even so, come, Lord Jesus"

—*Revelation 23:20*

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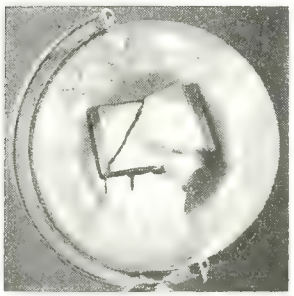
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EDITORIALS

By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt

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The Word and the world go together. It is God's world and into all the world His Word should be taken. From the halls of Grace Seminary and College, graduates have gone forth this June to places all across the world. Some will be missionaries. Others will be pastors. Still others will be serving as teachers. But all will be going forth with the message of life they have learned in the halls of this school. Investment in these young people with the Word of life is bound to produce effects that will someday be computed at the Bema Seat of Christ. Today, the effects are quite intangible. But there will be a day when the intangibles will be translated into concrete realities. Until then it must be the business of this school and others like it to continue to work of imparting the precious Word of life to all who entrust themselves to their care.

The Need for Such Schools

Doubtless readers become weary being reminded that we live in critical days. But the fact remains, and therefore the responsibility for reminding the people of God still rests upon the guardians of the faith. Not only are the laborers few, but also the schools for preparing laborers are growing fewer in number. By this I mean that the liberalizing tendency is gradually taking its toll among the schools. Institutions that were founded by godly men, and for decades have served wisely and well in the dissemination of the truth have been infiltrated by false doctrine until they have lost their testimony. This is the story of school after school across our land. And what has happened in the past is now happening to many others. The leaven of false doctrine is working silently, stealthily, and steadily in turning away these schools from their original purpose. When it becomes perfectly obvious what is happening, it will then be too late to do anything about it.

The Stand of Grace Schools

In the midst of this very evident trend, Grace Theological Seminary and Grace College continue to stand without apology for the faith once delivered to the saints. The board of trustees and the faculty does not see any disharmony between true educational progress and rigid faith in the Word of God. With that in mind, every effort is being made to promote educational standards of the highest kind both in the College and in the Seminary. A dozen or more of the teachers are away this summer taking advanced training for higher degrees. And some will be pursuing further training through the coming school year. Plans for the improvement of buildings and facilities are under way. Paralleling this is the continued emphasis on employing teachers who are not only academically trained in their field in which they teach, but also trained in the understanding of the Scriptures. This will continue to be the policy of this institution.

The Enrollment for the Coming Year

It is this sincere and determined effort to maintain moral, spiritual, and doctrinal standards along with progressive educational objectives that has aroused the interest of parents and students all across the land. Grace Theological Seminary has long been regarded as one of the schools where high academic and spiritual standards are maintained. From the opening of Grace College there has been an ever increasing number of young people who have cast their lot with the school. This is true for the coming year. Already the number of new students accepted for the coming year exceeds that of last year at this time. This is further reason to believe that there is place for a school like Grace College. It is further reason why every effort should be made on the part of The Brethren Church to give its best in support of this school.

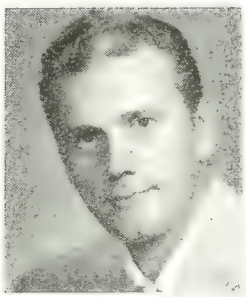
Launching of Construction Draws Nearer

The building fund continues to grow. At this writing, $258,000 in cash gifts and investments have come in. Some $36,000 in pledges are expected to materialize within the next few weeks. This leaves only a few thousand dollars to raise before construction begins. The ministries of Dr. Ogden, Dean Kriegbaum, and Dean Schnittjer have been directed largely to the raising of funds this summer. Dr. Ogden has been moving in various areas of the East. Dean Kriegbaum, along with Heralds of Grace, has been touring the West. Miss Schnittjer, dean of women, with the Gospel-Heirs has been pressing the cause of the dormitory in an intensive schedule among the churches of the East.

The Need for Bending Every Effort

Intense interest in the dormitory has been aroused all across the denomination. All are inquiring when this structure will begin to rise. The answer waits on the response of the people. Half the cost of the building must be in hand before construction begins. During construction the other half must be raised. The half mark is now in sight, and this should be an encouragement to all Brethren to pray more earnestly and to invest more sacrificially. This is the time for all of us to bend every effort to reach the goal that is now in sight.

In Praise of a Virtuous Woman



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"Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies" (Prov. 31:10).

It is customary when one is ordained to the ministry for the speaker to bring his message in the form of a charge to the candidate to recognize and be faithful to his divine calling and responsibilities. Likewise the pastor's wife has great responsibilities to the Lord as does every Christian wife.

In Proverbs, chapter 31, King Lemuel, who many interpreters believe to be a symbolic name for King Solomon, expresses his praise of a virtuous wife, carefully delineating the several virtues of her character which cause her to be worthy of praise. Who better than Solomon could truly appreciate a good wife and helpmate? Solomon, reflecting back upon his tragic experiences which resulted from his marriages to a thousand wives and concubines, lamented his folly thus: "I find more bitter than death the woman whose heart is snares and nets . . . one man among a thousand have I found; but a woman among all those have I not found" (Eccles. 7:26, 28).

Then he asks, as it were, the rhetorical question in our text: "Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies." Solomon in his position as king and leader of God's people could understandably yearn for such a companion to share with him the trials, heartaches, and problems such leadership incurs, and one who could provide, through her recognition of her unique calling, a real home as the basis of a successful marriage, which would undergird

and strengthen his leadership. But sadly he could only lament the fact that he had not found such a woman in a thousand, which implies that the kind of woman depicted by the inspired writer is like a rare jewel "for her price is far above rubies."

Blessed indeed is that pastor who as the leader of God's people has such a virtuous woman for a wife as described in Proverbs 31:10-31. I would like to say without qualification from my own experiences in the pastorate that the greatest asset the pastor can possess, humanly speaking, is a faithful, dependable, and spiritual wife and companion. Faithful friends are a treasure to be sure. Deacons who are spiritual and sympathetic are a great asset to the pastor. Members who love and show as much concern for their pastor as they do their own families are a real source of comfort and joy; yet it is only the pastor's wife who can fulfill the God-given need he has for a helpmate and companion in the trials and responsibilities of the ministry. In a real sense only she can minister to *him* as he ministers to others. A pastor can endure almost any heartache and problem of the pastorate except an unsympathetic and unspiritual wife.

Therefore, it is because of the important role that the pastor's wife must fill that she can be and is a vital factor in the pastor's success or failure in the ministry. Not a few pastors fail to achieve the fullness and richness of their spiritual ministry, some dropping out of the work completely, because the ones to whom they joined themselves did not measure up to the high spiritual qualifications required of a Christian wife. Let us, therefore, examine the Biblical characteristics of a virtuous wife who merits the praise of the Lord. These virtues might well be termed the *qualifications* of a pastor's wife. Moreover, these are spiritual qualities to be cultivated by every Christian wife.

We hear a lot today about what the pastor's wife ought to strive to be and what her responsibilities are. However, much of this is without Biblical foundation. Hence, it should come as no surprise if we discover that the Bible places the emphasis in a slightly different place than that which is so often stressed. In Proverbs 31 the woman who is praised is said to be *virtuous;* that is, one who possesses virtue. A virtue is some particular moral, ethical, and spiritual excellence of character. We say, for example, kindness is a virtue; honesty, self-control, dependability are virtues. Hence a virtuous woman is one who embodies and manifests all the worthy qualities of character praised by the Lord in Proverbs 31. These virtues are fourfold.

First, the virtuous wife is *trustworthy.* "The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her . . . she will do him good and not evil all the days of her life" (vv. 11-12). The true pastor's wife is her husband's confidante. She is one who is entrusted with the private and important affairs that arise in her husband's ministry. The private lives and problems of many of his flock will be as an open book to her. She is worthy of his confidence because she is trustworthy. But woe to that pastor whose wife is untrustworthy, and who uses her place of confidence indiscreetly simply as a means of gaining information, which becomes common knowledge by revealing to public gaze matters learned as a sacred trust. Churches have been torn by strife and dissention as a result of an indiscreet wife who proved untrustworthy.

The virtuous wife is also trustworthy as to her personal conduct, always discreet, dependable, faithful, and reliable. She is one in whom her husband can have complete faith and confidence that she will do and say the right thing. Whether it be a confidence to keep or a task to be done, she is one who is always spiritually dependable. "The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her." What better praise could a husband give of his wife than that which the Scriptures gives—she is trustworthy? This is no small responsibility you have been called to discharge—that of being trustworthy. It will take great grace—some do not have this grace, so seek it with all your heart!

Secondly, the virtuous wife is *industrious.* "She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands" (v. 13; cf. 13-27). In days past when the spinning and weaving were done at home, the clothing was made by the women. In those days you could always tell what kind of a wife a man had by the clothing he and the children wore. Their clothing bore clear testimony to a wife's industry—or her lack of it! Modern machinery has replaced most of the wife's industry and work in this regard, but it is not supposed to replace her industriousness and willing enterprise. The *domestic spirit* should remain as God intended.

The significance of this is that the most effective pastor's wife can best help her husband by being a dedicated homemaker—not the assistant pastor. He is the one called to the responsibility of spiritual leadership over the flock. His wife's calling, according to God's original intention in creation, is to be a true wife. To be sure she should uphold him in prayer, be sympathetic, interested, and encouraging; but more, her blessed calling is to provide that which she alone is capable of providing and which he needs most from her—a true *home.* Lest some may think this is not a high enough calling for the pastor's wife, let us hasten to add that the Scriptures boldly assert this to be woman's highest calling. The exalted position of the faithful wife is recognized throughout the Bible (Sarah, Ruth, Hannah, and many others). We read in Proverbs 19:14 that "Houses and riches are the inheritance of fathers: and a prudent wife is from the Lord." A good wife, the Scriptures say, is a gift from God!

The real force of this truth is seen in our text. Remember who it is that is praising the virtues of a faithful wife. It is the king. And what is a king's wife called? She is a *queen.* Therefore, the kind of wife the king wants for a queen is one who possesses all the spiritual qualities set forth in Proverbs 31. The best kind of a queen, he contends, is not one who wants to be the assistant king, but one who is *a dedicated wife and homemaker.* Blessed is that pastor who has for a wife one who has joyfully and willingly recognized her high calling of God to make a real Christian home and fulfills it.

Therefore be a true pastor's *wife.* Encourage him as the spiritual lead-

er, and honor your great calling to be all that God has called you to be—a Christian wife. Do not settle for less by trying to fulfill some role in God's kingdom He has not called you to fill, for no one but *you* can fill your role; and if you do not, there is left a frightful vacuum, an empty marriage, and a handicapped pastor. The true wife is first and last a wife, mother, and homemaker. If she fails here, no matter what else she may accomplish in a public way, it will be of little account and will not be long remembered.

Thirdly, the virtuous wife is *wise*. "She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness" (v. 26). Wisdom is another virtue of the wife who is worthy of praise. This is not simply academic wisdom, but moral and spiritual discernment. When the spiritually wise woman speaks, it is not simply idle talk, gossip, or emptiness, but hers are words of prudence, grace, and sound sense. The importance of this virtue cannot be overemphasized, and no greater compliment could be bestowed than to have it said of her that "she openeth her mouth with wisdom." Her conversation is characterized by its prudence, gracefulness, spirituality, and sincerity. I know of a pastor who will never be able to be really effective in the pastorate because his wife so completely fails him here. She is critical of everyone and complains about everything. Her conversation is secular and unspiritual, and the "law of kindness" is not in her tongue. But on the other hand, there are wives of pastors whose outward conversation reveals an inward spiritual depth of wisdom. Of such a virtuous woman others are heard to say: "She openeth her mouth with wisdom."

Finally, the virtuous woman is *spiritual*. "Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised" (v. 30). She "feareth the Lord." She has within her the spirit of reverence, and the life she lives is one in which sincere worship, prayer, Scripture study, and training the children in Christian living is uppermost. The average church will measure your achievement—not in terms of how many projects you take the leadership in as pastor's wife, not in your musical talents, not even in your academic abilities, but in your *spirituality*. In the final analysis the Lord will measure your accomplishments on the basis of your faithfulness to *your* calling—that of a truly spiritual wife and helpmate.

But this is not the end of the matter, for the virtuous wife is promised a fourfold blessing in reward for her faithfulness: (1) "Her husband is known in the gates . . ." (v. 23). Her faithfulness to her calling enables her to see his ministry brought to successful attainment. But more, we may well place the emphasis in this verse on the word "her." It is "her" husband; that is, he is known as the husband of such a worthy woman. Proverbs 12:4 reads: "A worthy woman is the crown of her husband." (2) Because of her faithfulness, she is invested with moral and spiritual strength and honor, and has a steadfast security in the Lord (v. 25). (3) She is also awarded affection and honored by her family. "Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her" (v. 28). This is no light honor, because her children and husband are the ones who know her best and this is their evaluation of her conduct and character. Truly this is a greater reward than mere public acclaim. (4) She will reap the fruit of her labors and enjoy the blessings that her trustworthiness, industry, wisdom, and spirituality have earned for her. "Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her own works praise her in the gates" (v. 31).

May our Lord challenge each of you to be such a virtuous woman whose "price is far above rubies," for the "woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised."

GIFTS TO GRACE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

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	General Fund	Building Fund
Allegheny		
Aleppo, Pa.		5.00
Listie, Pa.		100.00
Washington, Pa.	7.95	
Allegheny Fellowship of Brethren Churches	10.00	
East		
Altoona, Pa.	16.00	
Conemaugh, Pa. (Singer Hill)		200.00
Everett, Pa.	26.00	
Johnstown, Pa. (First)		150.00
Kittanning, Pa. (First)	165 50	106 75
Kittanning, Pa. (North Buffalo)	69.01	
Martinsburg, Pa.	43.23	1,000.00
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Berne	157.78	40 00
Clay City	10.00	
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Goshen	100.00	
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Wheaton, Ill.		20.00
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Cedar Rapids	81.00	
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Waterloo	117.70	93.93
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Washington, D. C.	327.26	130.00
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Cleveland	3.50	4.00
Danville	20.00	
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Camden	19.78	
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Trotwood	68.15	
Troy	27.50	
Vandalia	20.80	
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Puerto Rico	29.30	
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Special Gifts: Bequests	8,000.00	
Baccalaureate and Commencement offerings	267.14	
Miscellaneous and Anonymous		4.00
Maintenance gifts	600.00	
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Designated Gifts:	
Kittanning, Pa. (First)	35.25
Winona Lake, Ind.	40.00
Johnson City, Tenn.	40.00
Phoenix, Ariz.	5.00
Seminary Senior Class of 1962	14.35
College Senior Class of 1962	307.07
Totals	441.67

The Place of PROPHECY in Preaching Today



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On the day that our Lord arose from the dead, two disciples were walking to Emmaus and discussing the events pertaining to our Lord's death. Then "Jesus himself drew near . . . and he said unto them, What manner of communications are these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, *and are sad.*" At the end of this same chapter we read: "They . . . returned to Jerusalem *with great joy.*" Now what was it that turned their sadness into gladness? It was that they realized that Jesus Christ had risen from the dead, along with a clear exposition of the prophetic Scriptures, for we read in verse 27: "Beginning at Moses and *all the prophets,* he [Christ] expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself." After a re-examination of the prophetic Scriptures they were able to return to Jerusalem *with great joy.*

Today there are thousands of people who are sad and gripped with despair. Yet exactly the same thing that brought joy to the hearts of those early disciples will bring joy to Christians today; that is, to know Jesus Christ is alive, and to have a good understanding of the prophetic Scriptures. No matter how dark the days may be, you will never find a student of the prophetic Scriptures to be a man of despair. Therefore pastors ought to give prophecy a prominent place in their preaching.

A Prominent Place to Prophetic Preaching

Man has a deep longing in his heart to know what is in store for him, in the years just ahead and in eternity. If the future is to be filled with prosperity, then he can even now rejoice because of these future blessings that are to be his. If misfortune is to be encountered, then he would like to know about it so that he may make preparations to avoid it or have victory over it. Because of this yearning to know the future, man has made many attempts to discover what is yet to come.

Man-made Attempts To Discover the Future

Some believe that *dreams* have prophetic significance, and that if we were able to interpret dreams we

could learn what is to be in the future.

There are others who believe that by carefully observing the phenomena of nature they too can predict the immediate future. We think of *astrology* as an attempt to determine what will be in the future by observing the location of stars and planets at the time of a certain event, such as the birth of a child, or other events common to human experience.

Spiritism is an attempt to discover the future through mediums who claim to be able to communicate with the dead.

Also, there are various types of *mechanical devices* created by men in an effort to ascertain the future.

All of these—interpreting of dreams, observing natural phenomena, spiritism, and mechanical devices—are evidences that man has a deep longing in his heart to know the future.

God Has Provided This Desire

For every legitimate desire that men have, God has made a provision for that desire to be satisfied, though there are some today who seek to satisfy this desire in a wrong way.

A desire to know the future was manifest in the disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ when they came to him and said: "Tell us when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?" (Matt. 24:3.)

Before our Lord gave a reply to their request about things yet future, he gave this word of warning: "Take heed that no *man* deceive you." A word of warning applicable today.

God knows the future and has a definite program for the human race. God not only knows the future but also desires to reveal future events to us. He says: "I am God, and there is none like me, *declaring* the end from the beginning." God has revealed future events to men through the prophets, through Jesus Christ in His incarnate life, and by the Holy Spirit.

God revealed many important things through Daniel the prophet. Just before Daniel gave the interpretation of King Nebuchadnezzar's dream of the great image, Daniel said: "There is a God in heaven that *revealeth* secrets, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days" (Dan. 2: 28). Then it was that Daniel gave that prophecy concerning four great world empires that would rise and fall. Here then God revealed future events through one of his prophets.

Jesus Christ made many prophetic pronouncements. In all of these declarations "never man spake as this man." One of his great prophetic discourses is recorded in Matthew chapters 24 and 25. Also many of His parables, particularly those in Matthew 13, have prophetic significance. The Lord Jesus Christ, God manifest in flesh, gave to men facts concerning the future.

A work of the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity, is that of revealing to men things that are yet to come. First of all, the Holy Spirit guided the men who wrote Scripture, and much Scripture speaks of that which is yet future. We read: "*Prophecy* came . . . but holy men of God spake as they were moved *by the Holy Ghost*" (II Pet. 1:21). Second, the Holy Spirit today enables Christians to rightly interpret and understand the prophetic portions of Scripture. Therefore even today the Holy Spirit is revealing to men things that are yet to come. The Lord Jesus speaking of the Holy Spirit said: "When he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth . . . and he will shew you things to come" (John 16:13).

Thus far we have observed:

1. Man has a desire to know the future.

2. Some people seek to satisfy that desire in an illegitimate way by following man-made schemes and devices, which only brings delusion, false hope, and ultimate despair.

3. God has made a provision that this natural desire to know the future can be satisfied. The infallible Word of God is given. All that men need to know of the future is there. The Holy Spirit enables us to rightly interpret the prophetic Word. When a man seeks to satisfy his desire to know the future by studying God's Word, then, and then only, will he know that God "satisfieth the longing soul."

Therefore, pastors ought to give a proper place to the prophetic word in their preaching that this desire to know the future may be satisfied in a legitimate way.

The Prophetic Scriptures in Our Preaching

We should consider it a real joy and privilege to be living in a time

Musical Minutes

DONALD OGDEN

QUESTION: What should be included in a church choir constitution?

ANSWER: Formal organization of a choir will make its work more effective, but the machinery should be kept to a minimum. Include in the constitution:

1. A statement of the purpose of the choir.

2. A statement of what is expected of each member (be realistic).

3. A statement of a method of dealing with delinquent members along with a definition of delinquency.

4. A statement of a method of enlisting new members.

5. A list of necessary officers with definition of duties.

6. A statement of when and how elections are to be held.

With respect to item 3, it is my opinion that the average adult choir cannot be regulated on a basis of rules which must be kept to the letter, but rather on the spirit of cooperation which is reflected in the regularity and punctuality of each member.

I have tried the "Choir Rules" method and it did not work at all for me. I have found much more satisfaction in a "working agreement" between myself and my choir members. I will be happy to send a sample of a letter to choir members and, the choir application blank I use to anyone who writes in a request. (Box 78, Winona Lake, Ind.)

when Bible prophecy that was given over 2500 years ago is about to be fulfilled right before our very eyes.

The Prophecy

The promise that God made to Abram in Genesis 15:18 reads: "Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates." Here a particular portion of land is promised to the Jews. The condition was that if the children of Israel were obedient to the commandments of the Lord, He would bless them in the land (Deut. 28:1-14). In this same chapter we read: "If thou wilt *not* hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God to observe to do all his commandments . . . the Lord shall *scatter thee* among all people, from the one end of the earth even unto the other."

As the years slipped by, the Jews sinned again and again against the Lord. At last God sent judgment upon them, and scattered them among all nations. The prophetic Scriptures clearly state that there *is* a time coming when God will once again gather Israel from among the nations and establish them in the land. Notice Deuteronomy 30, verse 3: "The the Lord thy God . . . will return and *gather thee* from all the nations, whither the Lord thy God hath scattered thee."

The Jews were scattered among the nations, and have not had *a* homeland from A.D. 70 until May 15, 1948, when the new nation, Israel, set forth its declaration of Independence. From 1948 until this present day a constant stream of Jewish people have been returning to the land of their fathers.

Prophecy Not Yet Fulfilled

Coming events cast their shadows before. The Jews returning to their homeland in this present day is not the complete fulfillment of these prophetic Scriptures but is merely a foreshadowing of an event that appears to be imminent. In Deuteronomy 30:3, we read: "The Lord thy God . . . *will return* and gather thee from all the nations." So, this prophecy concerning the regathering of Israel in the land is to be fulfilled when Christ returns with His saints.

Our Response

In that there is evidence that a great prophecy is about to be fulfilled, we should give considerable time to the study of the prophetic Scriptures. We have an example of one who did this very thing. You remember that the Babylonians took many of the Jews captive in 586 B.C. Daniel was among those taken captive, he being only about twelve years old. After Daniel had been in the land of captivity for about sixty-nine years, he began to give careful study to the writing of the Prophet Jeremiah, which would include Jeremiah 25:11-12, where we read: "These nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years. And it shall come to pass when seventy years are accomplished, that I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation, saith the Lord, for their iniquity." Daniel said he gave careful study to the prophetic Scriptures just about the time a great prophecy was to be fulfilled (Dan. 9:2): "I, Daniel, understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem."

So we also today should give careful study to the prophetic Scriptures, and give much time to the preaching of the prophetic Word, as we observe the signs of the times which seem to indicate that God is about to fulfill important portions of the prophetic Scriptures.

NOTICE OF CORPORATION MEETING

The annual meetings of the Ohio and Indiana Corporations of Grace Theological Seminary will be held Thursday, August 16 in the Auditorium at Winona Lake, Indiana. All corporation members are urged to be present.

Prophetic Subjects Have a Practical Value

The second coming of Christ is a prophetic subject. The signs of the times seem to indicate that the return of Christ for His saints is very near. Pastors ought often preach on the Scriptures that speak of our Lord's return for his saints, for the following reasons:

The return of our Lord for the believers is called *"the blessed hope,"* in Titus 3:13. To meditate upon this subject brings *real joy* to the heart of the Christian who is walking in the will of God. It is a blessed thought to know we may not experience physical death, but rather in a moment of time, we may step from earth to heaven. Pastors ought to preach often on this subject that the Christians may rejoice.

The prophetic Scriptures that speak of the return of Christ for His saints brings much *comfort* to those who sorrow because of the loss of a loved one. The exhortation of Scripture is: "The dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Comfort one another with these words" (I Thess. 4:16-18). We live in a world filled with sorrow. Pastors, why not often speak on a subject that brings comfort to the hearts of God's people who sorrow.

The prophetic Scriptures concerning the second coming of Christ have a *purifying effect* upon God's children. In that we do not know at what hour our Lord may come, it behooves us to keep our lives pure and unspotted from the world so that when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and "not be ashamed before him at his coming . . . We know that when he shall appear, we shall be like him . . . every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure" (I John 2:28 and 3:2-3).

We have the promise here that the preaching of the second coming of Christ will encourage the Christian to live a clean, pure, life. This is very much needed today. Let us keep

on preaching from the prophetic Scriptures that predict the soon return of Christ for His own.

Preaching on the Rapture makes the Christian glad, brings comfort to God's people who sorrow, and has a purifying effect on our present-day living.

Prophetic Preaching Keeps God's People

In an hour like this, men and women who do not know the Word of God seem prone to become followers of false prophets, false Christs, false religions, and gross superstitions.

The Bible tells us that we are not to be "tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine," (Eph. 4:14). In Hebrews 13:9, we read: "Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace."

A thorough knowledge of the prophetic Word will keep the Christian from being carried about with the strange doctrines of the various cults and false religions of today.

We are living in dark days. The New Testament tells us that the prophetic Word is like a light in a dark place. "We have also a more sure word of *prophecy,* whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place" (II Pet. 1:19).

The prophetic Word is like a light revealing to us what is just ahead. This is what we need in this dark hour that people may not despair.

The Christian who is familiar with the prophetic Scriptures will know what he believes, and will be able to give a Scriptural answer to those who ask him what he believes. The Apostle Peter said: "Be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you."

So, pastors should preach on prophetic subjects often so that our people will not be carried away with the strange doctrines of the various cults of the day in which we live. Also pastors should preach on prophetic subjects so that our people will be ready always to give a Scriptural answer to those who ask them what they believe.

Nourished in the Words

NEW TESTAMENT WORD STUDIES—23

IMAGE



By Homer A. Kent, Jr., Th.D.

When Paul described Christ as "the image of the invisible God" (Col. 1:15) he chose a word that had far-reaching implications. "Image" (Greek: *eikon*) first of all implies a likeness. If one object is an image of another, it resembles it in some features. However, there are various kinds of resemblances. Some are accidental. One book on a shelf may look like another in size, shape, and color of binding, and yet they may have different publishers, different authors, and different contents.

Eikon differs from its synonyms in that it never depicts accidental similarity. It always assumes an original, of which the image is a copy. Sometimes this image is the result of imitation. The engraving of a monarch's head on a coin is called an image (Matt. 22:20). A statue sculptured in stone or fashioned of metal or wood is an image (Rev. 13:14). Other times, the word "image" is applied to resemblances which have natural causes. The Greeks referred to the image of the sun reflected in the water. A child is said to bear the image of his parents. But in all these instances, "image" refers to a derived likeness, not to a mere accidental resemblance.

As applied to Jesus Christ, the term thus indicates that He is the copy of God for man to see. And His resemblance of Deity is no accident, but is due to a sharing of nature.

"Image" also suggests the idea of disclosure or display. Christ in Colossians 1:15 is said to be the image of the invisible God. Therefore as the image of God, Christ reveals God to the consciousness of all intelligent creatures. Such passages as John 1:14, 18; 14:9; Matthew 11:27, and II Corinthians 4:6 emphasize the truth that men are absolutely dependent upon Christ in order to know the Father. Furthermore, we must not erroneously conclude that the "image" is restricted to our Lord's humanity. Colossians 1:15 does not say that Christ "became" the image, but that He "is" the image. Through all eternity it has been the function of the eternal Son to manifest God to angels, as well as to mankind.

Thus Christ, as the image of God, is derived from God, and exists to manifest God to others.

However, it must be noted as well that I Corinthians 11:7 calls man "the image and glory of God." Are we justified in understanding the reference to Christ as the image as containing vastly more than the attributing of the term to ordinary men? The answer must be sought in an examination of the passages themselves. Mankind was *made* in the image of God (Gen. 1:26), and thus is a finite image. Christ, however, "is" eternally the image (not "was made" or "became," Col. 1:15). Furthermore, in the case of Christ it meant that "all the fulness of the deity" dwelt in Him (Col. 1:19; 2:9). Hence Scripture makes it clear that Christ is the eternal, uncreated, fully-divine image of God, but men are on a different plane. They are creatures who reflect their Creator in various ways, but Christ alone is the perfect Image.

DATELINE



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KITTANNING, PA. Don Rough, asst. pastor of the First Brethren Church, was ordained to the Brethren Ministry July 5. His father-in-law, Rev. Robert D. Crees, pastor of the First Brethren Church, Waynesboro, gave the ordination message. Other pastors of the East district who took part were the pastor of the church, Rev. Wm. H. Schaffer; Rev.



Don Rough

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GARWIN, IOWA. Associate pastor Jesse B. Deloe, of the Grace Brethren Church of Waterloo, Iowa, was the special speaker at the Carlton Brethren Church, June 24, in the absence of the regular pastor, R. H. Kettell.

BEAUMONT, CALIF. Wendell E. Kent, pastor of the Cherry Valley Brethren Church, submitted his resignation, July 1, to become effective after September 30. He has served this church for five years.

LANSING, MICH. The Michigan district conference met at the Grace Brethren Church, July 6-7. J. Ward Tressler was the host pastor. Rev. Lee Crist was the moderator.

WINCHESTER, VA. The Sunday school-attendance at the First Brethren Church, Paul E. Dick, pastor, was 285 on June 17. The VBS enrollment was 161 with an average attendance of 151. A number of young people made decisions for Christ during this time.

BERNE, IND. Dr. O. D. Jobson was the speaker at the Bethel Brethren Church on July 8, and Rev. Florent Toirac on July 15 during Pastor Kenneth Russell's absence on vacation.

DAYTON, OHIO. Dr. Raymond E. Gingrich was the guest speaker at the First Brethren Church here, June 24.

WARSAW, IND. The Community Grace Brethren Church held a food shower on their new pastor, Richard Sellers, and his family, June 17 after the evening services.

TEMPLE CITY, CALIF. The Temple City Brethren Church has called Robert Firl to be their pastor. He will assume his duties in the very near future. Mr. Firl is a 1962 graduate of Grace Seminary.

SOUTH BEND, IND. Gene Witzky, pastor of the Ireland Road Brethren Church, reports that the Lord has been blessing in the financial need of the building fund payment, in nine first-time decisions for Christ, and the three re-dedications of life on June 24.

LONG BEACH, CALIF. A group of five young people from the junior high department of the Sunday school in First Long Beach Brethren Church won a trip to Mexico in June. They were: Ron Sackett, Sherry Grubb, Ron Rivera, Judy Talkington, and Candy Arter. Sherry Grubb is the youngest child of Dr. L. L. Grubb of our Brethren Home Missions Council.

COMPTON, CALIF. Gordon Austin has been appointed assistant pastor of the First Brethren Church. He and Mrs. Austin have become members of the Brethren church. They hope to go out to the mission field to do radio work. Mr. Austin is a 1960 graduate of Grace Seminary.

NOTICE. The suggested program and conference speakers for our Annual Conference are as follows: Monday evening: Moderator's address, John Aeby; Tuesday a.m.: Eternal Issues of the Absolute Deity of Jesus Christ, James Dixon; evening, Evangelical Christianity and Modern Religious Liberalism, Dr. Clyde Taylor; Wednesday a.m. The Final Authority of Holy Scriptures, Dr. John Whitcomb; evening, Evangelical Christianity and Modern Religious Authorization, Dr. Clyde Taylor; Thursday a.m. The Presidency of the Holy Spirit in the Church, Dr. Miles Taber; evening, Evangelical Christianity and Atheistic Communism, Dr. Clyde Taylor; Friday a.m. The Future Glorious Kingdom of the Son of God, Dr. Charles Mayes; evening, Evangelical Christianity and Modern Trends in Government, Dr. Clyde Taylor; Saturday a.m. What the Brethren Church Must Do To Survive, in the Face of Modern Crises, William Smith; evening, Special Youth Service; Sunday a.m. The Purifying Power of the Blessed Hope, Dr. L. L. Grubb; afternoon, Missions Rally; Evening, "Quit Ye Like Men, Be Strong," Dean Fetterhoff.

WATERLOO, IOWA. Randall Poyner, 1962 graduate of Grace Seminary and candidate with his wife and family as missionaries to Central African Republic, was the special speaker at the Grace Brethren Church here, July 1. John M. Aeby is pastor.

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA. The Iowa District conference held here in June elected the following officers: Roy Dice, Cedar Rapids, moderator; Cleve G. Miller, Waterloo, vice moderator; Mrs. Ray Andrews, Leon, secretary; Ralph Grady, Waterloo, treasurer; Robert Whited, North English, statistician; Carl Key, Davenport, youth director; Robert Whited, North English, asst. youth director; Glen Welborn, Leon, youth financial secretary; Forrest Jackson, Dallas Center, NFBC executive committee.

Examination According to Haggai

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Reading Haggai 2:10-23, the prophet gives three different ways in which to examine ourselves: By the Word, by our actions, and by our blessings.

What a practical way to examine one's self in the light of the Word of God (vv. 10-13)! There are two principles here which God has always upheld. Haggai asks the priest (v. 12), who are supposed to be the expounders of the Word: "If one bear holy flesh in the skirt of his garment, and with his skirt do touch bread, or pottage, or wine, or oil, or any meat shall it be holy?" The answer was, "No!" These priests knew that the meat of the Sin Offering was holy and the container (skirt) which carried it was holy, but its contact with any other body would not make that body clean or holy. Why? Because the Sin Offering was made by a person to take away his own sins as he himself had faith in the proclaimed message of God. This offering represents the believer who places his trust in Christ and is made holy and spotless in his standing before God. This is the New Testament doctrine of Justification—declared righteous, and as someone has well said: "Just as if I'd never sinned." But our standing cannot possibly make anyone else righteous or holy by merely touching them (Rom. 5:6-8).

The other principle in the light of the Word is brought out by the question (v. 13): "If one that is unclean by a dead body touch any of these, shall it be unclean?" The priest gave the answer that it would be unclean. These two principles cannot be changed. Perhaps they can best be illustrated by an object lesson: use two glasses of water, one clean, representing the believer, the other dirty, representing the unbeliever. If we poured from the clean water and clean glass into the dirty one, we would not effect its change at all. This applies to the first principle, that the believer who is clean cannot make the unbeliver clean before God. However, if we take the dirty glass and pour from it into the clean glass, we will discolor the clean water. This applies to the second principle, that the sins of the unbeliever can effect the believer. Jesus said we are "in the world," but not "of the world." We need to be separated apart from the world and not allow it to get into us.

Many years ago a certain stage owner needed a coach driver, and three men answered the ad for the job. The question was propounded to each one: "If you were driving a loaded stagecoach at full speed near a cliff, how close could you drive to the edge?" The first man thought and said, "I think I could come within about ten feet!" The second answered, "I believe I could drive within five feet of the brink!" The third answered, "I don't know how close I could come, and what's more, I believe I would stay as far away as I possibly could!" Which one of these men did the owner hire? You guessed it! He hired the last one. Let us not be dare-devils! There are always these people who are asking (especially young people) concerning their practical life, "Is it all right to go to shows, dances, and to smoke, and drink, and pet?" Well, this is a dare-devil question. No one need to tell you what a dare-devil is. He is one who is always trying to see how close he can come to death, and still manage to stay alive.

The prophet points out the second way in which to examine ourselves; that is, in the light of our actions (vv. 14-15). The Lord says: "So is the people and so is this nation [God does not call them His people any longer] . . . and so is every work of their hands, and that which they offer there is unclean." Here was a people who were ritualistically following the Word, but not really applying it to their hearts. They were doing the work of the Lord with their hands, but their offerings were made from an unclean heart. Samuel warned King Saul about the same attitude when he said: "To obey is better than sacrifice." Not all of the labors of our hands will be rewarded in heaven. Perhaps most of it will be "wood, hay, and stubble." Let us examine our actions! Let us ask ourselves, "Are we doing things to please men [which may be ourselves], or to please God?" We will not be rewarded for things done for self, nor even intended things. "Everyone may

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God's Law of Separation



By Norman Uphouse, Ed.D.

Christians are supposed to be a separated people. There is so much ignorance, confusion, and misunderstanding on this subject that we ought to give it careful consideration. Let us learn what is the Biblical teaching on separation. The world says that we are peculiar in that we are old fashioned, ultra-pious and a Sunday-school people. However, the Bible says that we are peculiar in "that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light" (I Pet. 2:9).

God has used symbols and signs of the separated life, and all of these have been misunderstood and disregarded to a large extent. The Jews had circumcision for an outward sign indicating the inner character of the believer. We know it was relied upon as meritorious, and men trusted the sign to be the means of separation. At the same time their hearts were not right and the sign was of no value. Another sign was the ribbon of blue. At first this was used for a good thing, and indicated a separated walk.

Real separation involves two things. It is a separation from sin, and for God.

Whosoever abides in Christ does not practice sin (I John 3:9). He may be unfortunate enough to fall into it, but he does not live in it. There is a great difference in sinning and disliking it, and sinning and liking it. A Christian will not continually repeat sin, that is he will not make it a habit and rule of life because Christ is in him and Christ will not permit it.

If man does sin, he must be separated from it through confession. It is extremely significant that confession is the way back. "If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous." After confession, reckon yourselves dead to sin and it will not have dominion over you. Be separated from sin.

There is a present enmity existing between God and the world (I John 2:15). It is because the world order has rebelled against God. The Devil is the worldly leader and is called the god of this age. Many Christians are likely to become attached to worldliness because they can't see the harm. However, it is bound to pass away. The evil in it will bring sorrow to many people. We ought to see that there is a joy in the Lord that the pleasures of the world cannot meet.

Paul said that he kept his body in subjection (I Cor. 9:27). Daniel did the same in Babylon. He refused the things that were harmful and chose to keep clean for the Lord. Our bodies are vitally effected by the plan of salvation. As Christians the Holy Spirit comes in to dwell. We are not our own any more, and ought to glorify God in our bodies.

Some people work along with Satan's plans and are unaware of it (James 4:17). Our admonition is to resist him and to renounce him. He is powerful but not all-powerful. Every child of God has the power given him to break the grip of the Devil. His entire program and system is set against God's. We are brought into the conflict, and must make a commitment, one way or the other. Resist the Devil and be separated from him. Giants of sin are killed in the strength of the Lord.

Evil companions will do a Christian no good (II Cor. 6:14-16). Frequently they influence others to do the wrong thing. Recently a boy was picked up on one of our streets by some friends. They drove into a gas station and robbed it. Later when caught and brought before the judge, the boy pled his innocence. He said he did not know that they were going to rob. However, he had to pay the penalty with the others. Remember, animals running wild or in packs will kill and destroy when they would not alone. Christians must choose their companions wisely. Have fellowship and confidence with others of like precious faith.

Separation from the commonplace and secular (Phil. 4:8) is not an encouragement to live like a monk or a hermit. It means to regulate your living that you do have time to do the important things that strengthen Christian faith. One statesman had a motto over his door to the effect: "He who enteres does me honor, he who stays out does me favor." What did he mean? He meant what I am writing that time can be monopolized with many things to interfere with one's fellowship with God. Do you find yourself fighting against the cause of the secular? All of us must be separated from that which holds us back. "Let us lay aside every weight, and sin that doth so easily beset us."

Sometimes the real trouble is "I" trouble (Phil. 3:3, 8). It is a weakness that brings many down to ineffectiveness. It caused Satan to fall. At one time King Saul was defeated by it, even though he won a battle. Lot suffered because of it. Peter trusted in the arm of the flesh and had to weep bitterly over it. Are you sure you are separated from all of these things? If you have taken a clear stand against the Devil, how about your habits of life? If you have seen the wisdom of selecting good companions, how about worldly pleasures? Are you willing to be completely separated to God? Remember the world is passing away and the lusts thereof, but he that doeth the will of the Father abideth forever. Now is the time to count your life as nothing for the excellency of Christ. This is our high privilege.

The Relation of the LAW *to the Believer in* GRACE

By Rev. Arthur D. Cashman

Our earth is full of tragedies of various sorts; but one of the worst, and yet the least spectacular, is the tragedy of the multitudes of human beings who are depending on the merit of human action to secure them favor with God for salvation. Even when many, who call themselves Christian, repeatedly read in the Scriptures that "no man is justified by the deeds of the law," they are prone to think merely of the Ten Commandments or the whole system of government for Old Testament Israel, rather than all efforts of the flesh.

When the Apostle Paul, in spite of all his splendid inheritance and personal attainments, tells us that he had "no confidence in the flesh" (Phil. 3:3-4), all of us should be compelled to abandon our puny efforts as having saving value before God. While Paul's rigid keeping of the law was of the highest attained by any among the Pharisees, even beyond the possibility of human criticism (Phil. 3:5-6), yet it failed to satisfy the demands of our Lord as expressed in the words: "Except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 5:20). It was a glorious day for Paul when he learned that Christ's righteousness alone exceeded that of the scribes and Pharisees, and that it is bestowed on all who accept it by faith (Phil. 3:9). How anxious he became to share his discovery with others of his kind, and to tell them that "Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth" (Rom. 10:4). Lest he fail to get this great truth across effectively to men everywhere, note how he drives and drills by repetition in Romans 5:15-19. (Read also I Cor. 1:30 and II Cor. 5:21).

After Paul's great discovery of the truth of "imputed righteousness" (Rom. 4:11, 22-24), did he advocate that the law was no good and that the believer could keep or break it at will? Do we find him becoming slack in his spiritual life, indulging promiscuously in fleshly lusts and worldly practices? Positively not! Rather do we find him attaining to spiritual heights never before dreamed of by him because he had a new victorious power after conversion which he did not know before. In fact, he just learned how to keep the law better after he was saved by grace. He found the answer to his own question, "O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" "I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Rom. 4:24-25). Hear him as he says: "Christ liveth in me" (Gal. 2:20); "For me to live is Christ . . ." (Phil. 1:21); "It is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure" (Phil. 2:13); "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Phil. 4:13). Paul was constrained by the mercies of God to present his body a living sacrifice to God. He was not more conformed to this world but less. He was transformed by the renewing of his mind long before he admonished others to do it (Rom. 12:1-2). He kept his body under (I Cor. 9:27). He "reckoned himself dead indeed unto sin but alive unto God through Jesus Christ" (Rom. 6:11).

Paul admitted that "the law is holy, and the commandment holy and just and good" (Rom. 7:12). "Holy" because the things which it forbids are evil, and because it demands rewards and punishments; "good" because it was given for the good of mankind. It makes its observers good, although not perfect. In short, Paul knew that the law gives man a knowledge of sin, condemns him, and prepares the way for the Gospel of grace. If this grace is accepted by faith, it will save the condemned sinner from the penalty which the law threatens, and place him in a position whereby he may render obedience to that law. Only through grace can the believer say with the psalmist: "O, how I love thy law; it is my meditation all the day."

As Christians, we would have no further use for the law if the work of grace were perfected within us and we appropriated all of God's power through the indwelling Spirit for victory. But since the purpose of God's grace is not perfected within us, inasmuch as there is a tendency oftentimes toward evil, the law of God is necessary for us who are not under the law but under grace. Henceforth the law is useful for keeping us under grace. The law as a tutor not only leads us first of all to Christ, but keeps us trusting in the Saviour.

It is difficult for the casual reader of the New Testament to reconcile Paul's declaration that the moral law is holy and just and good with the seemingly disparaging manner in which he speaks of it as follows: "the law worketh wrath"; "the law entered that the offense might abound"; "the strength of the sin is the law";

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The Believer's Position and Possession

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"Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Spirit." Thus with assurance we say that the Apostle Paul received his authority from God and wrote as He was borne by the Spirit in power. Venerable Paul is the champion of the precious teaching we are about to unfold from his pen.

Although many were the problems that faced the missionary-minister of all times, perhaps no problem quite equalled that of the legal relationship of the believer to God. Because of their Jewish ancestry, the early Christians had tremendous difficulty in realizing their new freedom in Christ Jesus. And later, too, the gentile Christians are still troubled with the "beggarly elements of the world." Upon these two groups the blessedness of heavenly sonship is deeply impressed by the Apostle.

The Position of Adoption

Let us imagine for the moment we are in a Roman home. This home is just an ordinary one, consisting of the father, the wives, and many children. All the children are regarded the same until they become a certain age, usually twelve years. While the children are growing up, they serve the father as servants and have no right to the inheritance of the family-head. However, the day arrives when the father chooses such of the children he desires to make his legally adopted sons and heirs. The *toga virilis* is placed upon the shoulders signifying the position of legal heir to the father's name, honor, wealth, and privileges. Such adopted ones are no longer servants—no longer under the private tutor, the schoolmaster, who has been training them for the head of the house. The adopted son is now directly under the head of the household.

This is the Roman custom to which Paul has reference in his fourth chapter of Galatians. They knew the custom first hand and knew fully that to be adopted meant to be placed as a son with all the rights of sonship including the promise of the family inheritance. Now the application here is this: when we are received in heaven by the regenerating power of the Holy Spirit known as "being born-again," we receive the new nature, and as such are known as "children of God" (John 1:12 ASV). We distinguish this from our adoption into the family of God, which gives us the position of legal sonship in relation to the Father.

In the Ephesian letter Paul immediately takes the believer to this deeper teaching by pointing to God's "having predestinated us into the adoption of sons by Jesus Christ Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will" (1:5). On this basis he further states that adoption is a legal act of God wherein He places the believer in the legal position of a son with full rights of inheritance in Christ. This is the essence of all Scripture bearing on this doctrine, and we leave it here because of limited space.

The Possessors of Adoption

In referring to our Roman family we must make it clear that the illustration breaks down at a very happy point. Not all the children in the Roman family could be adopted, or at least it did not work out that way practically speaking. But in the Lord's family of children, the pioneer missionary Apostle very definitely states "ye are all the sons of God by faith in Christ Jesus" (Gal. 3:26 ASV).

How precious this thought to the believers. There is no respect of persons with the Lord. The only unfortunate situation seems to be that too few are even living as sons of God ought to live. Would you be living the same from a physical standpoint were you an adopted son of the President of the United States? This thought becomes the more precious as we contemplate at what great cost our adoption as believers has been purchased. While we were yet in bondage "God sent forth His Son . . . to redeem . . . that we might receive the adoption of sons" (Gal. 4:4-5). Until our Saviour trod the lonely path up Calvary's brow, and there bore in His own body our sins by the shedding of His precious blood, thus redeeming us from the slavemarket of sin, we were servants unto the elements of the world dominated by Satan.

When were we adopted? Just a most comforting word we leave with you, dear believer-possessor. As we return to the first chapter of Ephesians and read: "Having predestinated [foreordained] us into the adoption of children" (v. 5), we must see that God had planned this ahead of time and not as an afterthought. Now notice the fourth verse of the same chapter: "According as He hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world." Rest assured, beloved in Christ, that you are securely adopted into His family if you have placed your faith in Jesus Christ for the salvation of your soul.

The Possession of the Adopted

No people has ever been so rich as the chosen ones of Israel. God gave them many promises and much land. Their possessions were great beyond compare. God has prospered them. But the sad picture comes before our eyes—a disobedient people, forgetting God, worshiping idols, rejecting the truth. Finally God permitted a pagan monarch to carry His people into captivity. Possessors of the Promised Land serving a godless king! It was because of this tragic situation that Obadiah spoke of the days when "the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions." What do we possess as adopted sons of God? There are so many possessions but so few possessors!

First of all, we possess a freedom

from the spirit of fear that we once had under the bondage of Satan (Rom. 8:15). God is your Father and you are His son. Prayer takes on a new meaning when this reality hits home.

Secondly, we possess the Spirit of the Son of God because we are the sons (Gal. 4:6 ASV). By the Spirit we are led and guided as sons of God.

Thirdly and finally, (though there are many more possessions), we come to the greatest and most thrilling of all. As sons and daughters of God we are an heir of God" (Gal. 4:7) and "joint-heirs with Christ" (Rom. 8:17). Words fail us as we would try to comprehend this possession! Truly, we can but say that we have been blessed "with every spiritual blessing in the heavenlies in Christ." The will is probated—every believer is a joint-heir with the Creator of the universe, the Saviour of the world. And please remember, dear reader, a joint-heir is not a partner who gets his share only. A joint-heir is owner of all! Praise His name! Begin today to "possess your possessions" as an adopted son of God by faith in Jesus Christ.

A beautiful young Jewess had accepted Christ as her Saviour in New York City. Her father, a wealthy financier, was indignant. Something had to be done to change the girl's mind. He reached for the phone and called the steamship line to reserve two passages on the next liner leaving for Europe. He told his daughter to be ready at a given time. Father and daughter sailed. He did his best to make the trip exciting, thrilling, and interesting. In Paris, it was all the night spots and cafes; in Venice the romance and frivolity of Italy was exploited. After about six months of this the father decided that surely the girl must have forgotten all about the lowly Nazarene. They returned home. The young Christian girl had faithfully read her Bible in the moments when her father had been busy with correspondence. Upon arriving home she immediately went to her Christian friends visiting them frequently and learning more about her Saviour-Messiah. The father heard of this and decided desperately to make a last effort to break the newly-found faith of his daughter. Arrangements were made for the largest banquet ever to be held in the big city. All friends were invited and elaborate plans made. The banquet was a huge success; the girl was so charming and graceful that she had been the center of attraction. But just as the guests were ready to leave the father made a most startling announcement. "I have invited you people here tonight in order to tell you that my daughter has embraced the faith of the lowly Nazarene. Tonight she must decide to be dismissed from my home and be disinherited or else reject this lowly Jesus." Silence reigned in the banquet hall and all eyes were fastened upon the young lady. Her head was bowed; tears began flowing from her tender eyes; she arose, went to the piano, and with tear-stained cheeks she lifted her face toward heaven and sang like an angel:

"My Father is rich in houses and lands,
He holdeth the wealth of the world in his hands"
"I once was an outcast stranger on earth,
A sinner by choice, an alien by birth!
But I've been adopted, my name's written down—
An heir to a mansion, a robe and a crown."

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"become dead to the law" and "be delivered from the law." But the difficulty is only seemingly so. The law was ordained to produce holiness and happiness. If everything in man had remained as it was created, man never would have had any difficulty with the law. But through the fall, he is out of his original relations to the law, and had inclinations through his sinful nature, which makes the keeping of the law a burden.

That which is good was not made an offense to man by divine arrangement, but by man's transgression. We can understand this better by realizing that if the divine law could be altered so that it would agree with man's sinful inclinations, he could be happy in sin. But God through His foreknowledge, seeing man in sin and unhappy under the law which is contrary to his inclinations, made a plan through grace which changes the inclinations, making obedience not only a possibility but a pleasure.

Sometimes physicians find two bodily disorders in the same person. The one is most critical and will keep the patient weak and useless if not treated with a certain potent medicine. But the other disorder, while not in itself critical, is such that if the remedy for the first disorder is administered, it will lead to deadly complications. So it might be said of the law that it is too strong a medicine for the human soul. Jesus Christ is the great Physician who by His grace both delivers the believing victim from the guilt of the broken law and enables him to have the strength and power to "abound unto every good work." Instead of threatening him with punishment for his failures as the law does, the plan of grace finds God indebted to pay rewards for the good works done in order to keep salvation free (Rom. 4:4-5). This does not discourage good works, but as in the case of Paul, "the love of Christ constraineth us" to go far beyond that which even the law demanded of us.

As believers, dealing with souls in the same predicament in which we were at one time, let us not be guilty of slighting the law, forgetting what it did for us. What the psalmist says is true: "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul" (Ps. 19:7). "For where no law is, there is no transgression" (Rom. 4:15). "I had not known sin but by the law" (Rom. 7:7); and without the knowledge of sin, it is useless to talk of Christ and His grace.

Examination . . .

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receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done" (II Cor. 5:10).

This brings us to the third way in which we should examine ourselves: that is, in the light of our blessings (vv. 15-19). He mentions the blessings of the present which were not very good. These people were bringing in a heap of grain which should have weighed twenty measures after it was winnowed, but instead, it only weighed ten. Also, the grapes should have produced fifty vessels after pressed out, but they only produced twenty. God had withheld His blessing upon them. He brought the "blasting" (heat or drought), the "mildew" (moisture or dampness), and the "hail" which would beat down their crops or fruit. Is this a just God who would do such a terrible thing to His people? Does God bring such things as hurricane Carla? Or tornado Tim? Or earthquake Ernie? If He did it to make the children of Israel to wake up, could He not do it also to make America wake up? "Is there yet seed in the barn?" God promised Israel that if they would "Consider their ways," He would not withhold the blessings of the future as He states in these simple words (v. 19), "From this day will I bless you!" What a great God we have! One who will overcome all circumstances when we put our trust in Him.

A Christian friend tells of his grandfather who called all of his family alongside of his deathbed to give them his parting words of testimony. After a wonderful testimony of the grace of God and a challenge to the family to trust Christ also, the elderly saint lay his head on his pillow in a completely blissful and peaceful way. Soon his lips began to tremble and inarticulate sounds came forth. The daughter near by heard the words, "Bring! Bring!" Panicky she asked: "Father, is there anything I can bring you?" She leaned to hear the other words from his lips which quiveringly uttered: "Bring forth the royal diadem and crown Him Lord of all!" He departed into glory singing this great hymn!



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The Editor Comments

How Great Is Our Love for the Lost?

It has just been reported by Father John J. Considine, M.M., that the Holy See intends to channel $50,000,000 into assistance for the Roman Catholic Church in Latin America. These funds will be sought throughout the Catholic world. Expenditures, it is said, are to be made in five different areas of Catholic service:

1. Recruitment and training of ecclesiastical and lay personnel
2. Mass organization of religious instruction
3. Strengthening of religious instruction
4. Strengthening of the Catholic church's religious action program
5. Increased Catholic achievement through mass communications (press, radio, cinema, and television)

One thing is sure, this greatly stepped-up program will not make the lot of our missionaries in Latin America any easier. Most of the sufferings and persecutions in Catholic countries has resulted from the "Catholic Action" groups in those countries. Our missionaries may expect more opposition, greater persecution, and less liberties in Roman Catholic countries.

Will results of the gospel message be less because of this increased program? Certainly that is one of the primary purposes of the program. But, the story of the centuries is that the church has made its greatest gains in numbers and in spiritual growth in the days of greatest persecution.

In many countries the missionaries can expect embarrassment, heartache, and disappointments. They may expect bodily harm, imprisonment, even death. True missionaries will not flee because of these things. They will not refuse even to die for Christ and the message of the Gospel. But, whatever they may be called upon to suffer, they will want to know that through their sufferings the Gospel will be proclaimed.

How great is our love for Jesus Christ? How great is our love for the lost? Our gifts for the spread of the Gospel in Latin America have been so disappointingly small—but with this small dedication, God has accomplished so very much. Would we want the Lord to know that the Catholic Church loves, and has greater loyalty to, a system than we have for our blessed Lord Jesus Christ?

Workers Together with God!

That God would deign to work with us, or even permit us to work with Him, is one of the continual marvels of His grace. In this arrangement there is a partnership, He is the senior and we the junior partners. It is an arrangement of grace when the junior partner would usually do the thing that is displeasing to the senior partner. The only safe rule in the partnership is that we permit the Senior Partner to work in and through us that which is well pleasing in His sight.

But, we are workers *together*. All born-again believers must stand together against the floods of unbelief. As this relates to our National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, we must stand together and work together if we are to accomplish anything really worthwhile. With August 1 the very special emphasis begins in relation to home missions. Of course, we are interested in home missions in every month of the year, but the special emphasis period also has value. *Brethren foreign missions believes in Brethren home missions.* We are two hands of The Brethren Church with a single purpose—to get the Gospel out to a lost world, and thus to expand the witness of the true church throughout the world. We need always be sure that all we do in either home missions or foreign missions is a presentation to God in such a way that He can work through these hands of the church that which is well pleasing in His sight.

Africa Situation Clearing

It has been quite generally known that many new problems have presented themselves to our missionaries in Central Africa through the nationalizing of the youth work and the French-school system. The new law makes it possible for the government to confiscate all school property and equipment. The outlook was rather dark for these two avenues of our work. But the most recent correspondence seems to offer some hope for a happy solution of the problems. The government has indicated that the units of the youth work which are in existence may continue, probably running parallel to the government program. Also, application has been made for a permit to operate the James Gribble Memorial High School completely separate from the government school system, and beamed directly toward the preparation of our African Brethren young people for Christian service. There seems to be reason to hope that this permission will be granted. In that case, the elementary and monitor schools will be closed as far as our mission is concerned, and all emphasis will be in this secondary private school. This can be a great blessing to us in the unifying of our work.

COVER PHOTO—FOREIGN MISSION ISSUE



The Missionary Helpers Rally at the 1960 National Conference featured missionaries (seated, left to right) Mrs. Kliever, Jake Kliever, the Don Hockings and two of their boys, Marie Mishler, and others not pictured. At the microphone, Mrs. Esther Cale of Uniontown, Pennsylvania, a good freind of the MHC, and at right, "Uncle Clyde" Landrum.

Why I Am a Brethren Missionary



By Phillip Guerena

More than ten years ago I was saved. Immediately after this I wanted to be a foreign missionary for the Lord. But I was only a teenager then. First I had to go to school and get prepared. So, off to college I went for four years. One of the things that kept me in college was my goal, which was the mission field after graduation.

In college I met the girl of my dreams. Of course, she became my Christian helpmate. She too wanted to be a missionary. After college I enrolled in Grace Theological Seminary. That was the best and only seminary I have ever attended! However, I realize there must be some other good seminaries somewhere. Then, seminary graduation came. Still the Lord impressed upon my life His call to the mission field. One summer I even had the opportunity to start a church, and pastor it, on foreign soil. This was done under the direction of an independent board.

By denomination I am Grace Brethren. Therefore, when the time came, I applied to The Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church. However, many have asked, why a denominational board? Some friends have said: "Come with us to this excellent independent foreign missionary society. Why be narrow minded and choose your denominational board?"

Well, a fair question deserves an honest answer. Since the question has been put to me, I will say why I am a Brethren missionary. At the outset, I will make one clear statement. I belong to the Grace Brethren church by choice and conviction, not by birth.

One summer I did work with a fine fundamental missionary group. In the land of Mexico, the Lord blessed His work and His Word. With one convert, the work grew to a converts class of twenty. There was Sunday school for the children. Every Sunday night, and once during the week, there were church services with an average attendance of seventy.

During that summer I never baptized a new Christian. Nor did I ever hold communion services for the believers. In my opinion this stunted the spiritual growth of those new Christians. As far as I am concerned, I believe the Scriptures teach only one way to baptize. That is trine immersion. Also, I definitely believe that the Bible teaches a threefold communion service. However, the group with whom I was associated did not share my convictions. They were independent in organization but Baptistic in belief. That is, they were not bound to any Baptist church, but they believed the way most Baptists do. They baptize one time backwards, and only partake of the bread and cup at communion.

Now, I hold contempt for no Baptist belief. If with clear conscience before God they teach their church doctrine, that is good. They must answer God for their lives and doctrine. Personally, I have more than enough to account for before the judgment seat of Christ. To make a long story short, I had to break association with that missionary group. And I made the reason clear to them—because, if I stayed with them, I would have had to compromise on my stand on the Word. We are still the best of friends, and I suspect that we will always try to help each other in His work.

The Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church rates with the best boards. But I did not choose this group merely because it is well organized. This board is the only missionary society that fully approves and propagates my position on the Word of God concerning baptism and the communion service.

Someone may ask the question: "What if one of your converts disagrees with you?" If that is the case, this is what I would do. I would help that new babe in Christ as much as possible. Then, I would encourage him to leave our fellowship and join a fundamental group where his views are taught. Thus, he would not be forsaking his convictions.

Why am I a Brethren missionary? Because this is the only mission board that holds to most of my beliefs. If I were to go out with any other organization, I would first have to change my thinking on some points in Scripture. Therefore, The Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church is for me.

I CAN'T HELP IT!

By Dr. Russell D. Barnard

The great Apostle Paul in I Corinthians 9:16 said: "Necessity is laid upon me." In modern speech he was saying something like, "I just can't help it." He was called into the ministry in a miraculous manner. The Lord Jesus talked to him personally. He was arrested when he was a persecutor, and ordered to preach. There was no room in the Apostle's mind for hesitancy or argument with the Lord.

Now, Paul was not compelled to preach. No judge had ordered him to do it as a sentence for some wrongdoing. He had every freedom of will. He could, yet he couldn't, refuse to preach. It was not that he preferred one life-work to another. God had called him—the call was for life, it was in effect irresistible. He was free; yet there was not a single bit of room for debate.

Calls today are probably far different than the call of the great Apostle; yet there are the multitudes who know that necessity is laid upon them. They would be miserable if they did anything else. God has shut them up to this work for Him. Before entering Christian service, many of God's servants had other plans with good purposes for their lives. But God seems to have hedged them in, hemmed them in, and constrained them to become ambassadors of Christ.

"Woe is me if I preach not the Gospel." Paul is saying, in effect: "I would be wretched and miserable if I forsook that to which God has set my hand. My conscience would reproach me, my judgment would condemn me, my heart would pain me: I would have no comfort in any other calling, and God would frown upon me."

The person whose heart is not in the specific service of the Lord, who would be just as happy in any other calling, should certainly not attempt to be any kind of a special ambassador of Jesus Christ. Dr. Albert Barnes concludes his discussion on this subject by saying: "God withers their pity, blights their happiness, follows them with the reproaches of conscience, makes them sad, melancholy, wretched . . ."

How many have in the passing of years turned aside to the greener pastures, or at least have been tempted to do so. A dear friend bared his heart. He is the father of three fine children. He was active in the work of the church but always seemed to have a sorrowful outlook on life. One day he explained the reason. Said he: "When I was a young man, yet unmarried, the Lord called me to the ministry. I'm sure He did. But I had other plans and followed them. I have never had a truly happy day since."

How does this apply to foreign missions? Probably just as it would apply to any calling from the Lord.

1. A missionary feels necessity is laid upon him. He can refuse to go; yet he can't!

2. A missionary did not choose being a missionary as a life-work pitted against another work. He knew there would be hardships, privation, and yet God called him.

3. Most of those who accepted the missionary challenge had other plans for their lives, plans that might have led to fame and fortune.

4. The one whom God has called to be a missionary will be miserable and wretched if he refuses that call or forsakes it.

5. God may call to various avenues of Christian service and at various times. That is not to be according to our choosing but according to the Lord's clear leading.

6. All of us have been tempted to turn aside to enticingly green pastures. But if God has called to a special service, those green pastures will be only mirages.

7. God will not permit His servant to be happy if that servant forsakes the will of God. God will make the very days a reproach to the disobedient servant. Truly "Woe is me if I preach not the Gospel."

8. The crown of righteousness is ahead (II Tim. 4:8) for the servant who "fights the good fight . . ." There is only sorrow for the one who puts his hand to the plough, and looks back longing for the pleasant places and the comfortable things.

From the Missionary Mailbag

Franconville, France

Yesterday (July 11) we said goodby to the Juliens, and by now they are well on their way. We trust that they will have a happy and profitable time in America and that God will use them in a great way to present the work in France. We are thankful to the Lord for them, and will look forward to their return next year.

We held meetings in Bron (a suburb of Lyon) in our "chalet" June 7-14. Tom took care of the children's meetings in the afternoon where we had from thirty to eighty children. I did the preaching in the evening with the exception of the two evenings we had the visit of an English brother from another mission and who has been in France for many years. At the evening meetings we had from fifty to seventy each evening and sometimes almost as many outside listening by means of the loudspeaker. We were able to gather a few addresses of interested young people, but how great it would have been had we been able to take them all to our gospel hall and continue.

With the help of Dan Feryance, Mid-Missions missionary, and his equipment; we were able to show four documentary films in four different cities (Moulins, Gueugnon, Digoin, and Paray-le-Monial), which you can probably find on your map of France. The results were encouraging. We had from thirty to eighty-five (this is the high and low) at these showings, and I judge that we reached by this means around 350 different people. We distributed illustrated Gospels at the showings, which were marked with our Lyon address. After the projections were completed, a short message was given, and the response was good. The people showed interest. There is a great deal of work to do in those towns.

We are now praying that the Lord will make fruitful the Word which was given out, and that He will help us to continue to follow up the work begun.

—Rev. Fred Fogle

Bossembele, Africa

We are awfully busy with books to write and run off and assemble in our spare moments between classes and travels. I have just finished a book on Thessalonians for our women teachers. Now I'm rushed to do thirty days of devotionals (short) from Psalms for a daily devotional in Sango. George barely keeps ahead in producing materials for the Bible schools. If we only had to write the materials, it wouldn't be such a job; but we have to type the dummy, type the stencils, run them off, assemble the books, staple, and so forth. All that is so time-consuming. Natives can help, but so often their mistakes take more time than their help compensates. But anyway, it's all joy to be able to do it for the Lord. Our work is so interesting, challenging, and rewarding that I wonder now why every young person doesn't want to be a missionary.

—Mrs. George Cone

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NOTICE

The joint annual meeting of the Ohio and California corporations of The Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church will be held on Friday morning, August 17, 1962, in the Winona Lake Auditorium, Winona Lake, Indiana. All members of the Society are privileged to attend and are urged to attend.

DYING!

Dying--and no man careth for their souls

Dying? Yes, dying in thousands!
A hopeless, despairing death;
Can we not hear them calling—
Pleading with bated breath?
"Will no one come over and bring us light;
Must we perish in darkness darker than night?"

Dying! and "no man careth"!
Oh, shame that it should be so!
How is it so many are sleeping
When they ought to rise and go?
There are blind eyes here in this Christian land;
Would to God they were touched by a mighty Hand!

Dying! in loveless silence;
For there is none to tell
The only message that comforts,
The only message we know so well—
"That the God of love, who gave us His Son,
Has given Him freely for every one."

Dying! untaught, uncared for,
While we in this favored land,
Who know that they are perishing,
Lent not a helping hand!
Yet we thank the Lord we are not as they,
That on us He has shed the Gospel ray.

Dying! while we are dreaming
In selfish idleness,
Unconscious that these darkened lives
Are so full of bitterness.
Oh! brothers and sisters, for whom Christ died,
Let us now spread His message far and wide!

—Author Unknown

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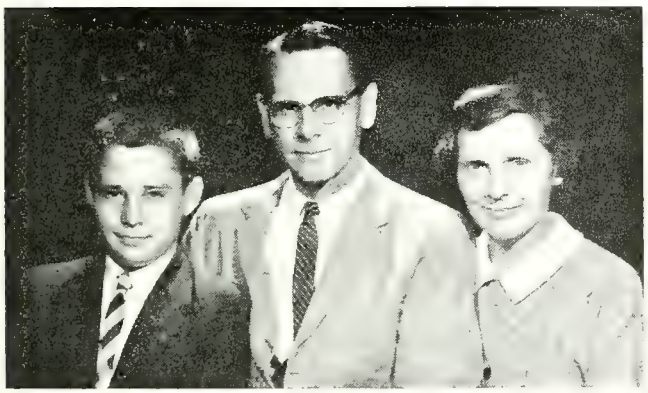
REPORT FROM LOS ALTOS







The MH'ers from the Los Altos Brethren Church in Long Beach, California, have been having a wonderful time together, their leader Mrs. Fred Jensen reports. They presented a program for their parents one Sunday afternoon in May, and have given an offering for the outfit of the Phil Guerena family. One time they had a taffy pull. This was lots of fun—as you can see by the smiles on the faces in the top two pictures—but rather messy! The three girls in the bottom picture are, from left to right, Elaine, Eileen, and Ellen Price. They are triplets, and on their sixth birthday the Los Altos MH'ers helped them celebrate. We praise God for this fine club and for what they are doing for the Lord!

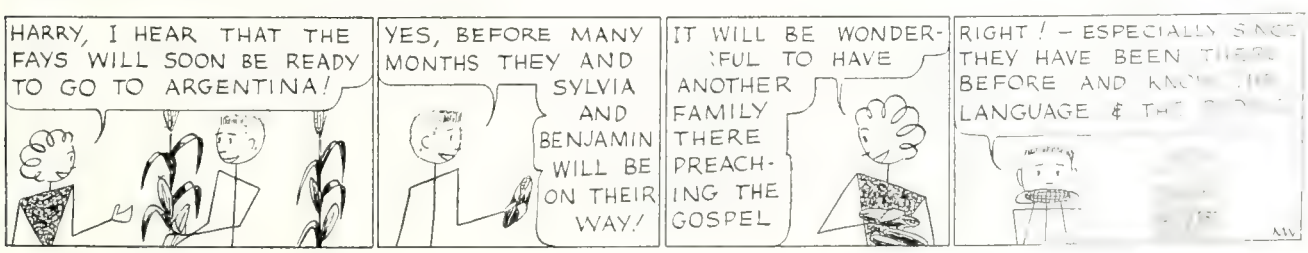


KNOWING YOUR MISSIONARIES

Rev. and Mrs. Edmund Leech and their son, Jonathan, have been in Hawaii as missionaries since 1959. Some years ago the Leeches served in China under the China Inland Mission. China is closed to Christian missions now, but the Leeches felt that in Hawaii they could still reach Oriental people for Christ. They are serving at Waimalu and the Lord is greatly blessing their work.

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DENVER, COLO. (MNS)—"Up until now, not one of the new nations of the last eighteen years has closed its doors to the Gospel," said Dr. Clyde W. Taylor as he spoke to the twentieth annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals which met at the Denver Hilton Hotel here.

Delegates from all over the United States heard Dr. Taylor point out that religion has become a large factor in the development of nationalism in some countries, such as Burma, where Buddhism is becoming a state religion again. "The general excuse given for this," he said, "is that the state religion is a unifying force in society. The Roman Catholic Church has long used this argument in Spain, Portugal, and Latin American countries. The penetration of the lands by any other religion is denounced as an attack not on their religion, but on the 'national unity.' It is made to sound like an attack on their national sovereignty."

Dr. Taylor emphasized that while there are many problems connected with nationalism, it can also offer new opportunities to the church. "Sane, sensible nationalism can be a boon to the cause of Christ. Not only can it throw off old controls, it may grant full freedom. Healthy nationalism creates a national alertness and awareness. It helps break old fetters of customs and inferiority. Even in creating a restlessness and a degree of insecurity it provides a climate ideal for the spread of the Gospel."

In conclusion he said: "May the Lord help us to utilize every trend in our modern world, including the changing restless spirit of the masses, to reach every kindred, tongue, and nation while it is yet day."

Dr. Taylor is the executive secretary of the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association, an association representing 5,626 foreign missionaries.—EFMA Missionary News Service. (NOTE: Dr. Clyde Taylor is to be the featured speaker at the Conference of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches meeting in Winona Lake, August 13-19.).

WINONA LAKE, IND.—Missionaries on furlough have been assisting in the various district youth camps. The James Marshalls were in the Southern California camp in June, and spent two weeks in the Northwest District camps in July. Rev. Eddie Miller was in the Iowa camp, also in Camp Grace of the Mid-Atlantic district. Rev. Tom Julien, newly arrived from France, served in the Southern Ohio camp. Rev. J. Paul Dowdy ministered in the senior camp of the Indiana district. Miss Gail Jones spent a week in early June at an interdenominational camp in Kentucky, which included youth of the Clayhole (Ky.) Brethren Church.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (MNS)—The work of Christian missionaries in Africa has received high pra from a member of the United States Senate. Speaki to the Senate, Senator Claiborne Pell (D., R.I.), Episcopalian, paid "public tribute to the debt that owed by the Western world to our Christian missio aries and the education they have offered in Africa."

The Senator stated that there is opportunity for hi caliber education as well as for the more simple a elementary. "No matter what may be the particular le of missionary education in Africa," he said, "without that continent would be undergoing far greater turm and internal strife than is now the case."

He said there are 23,000 missionaries of all natio alities in tropical Africa. Of that number approximat 6,400 are Catholic and 15,970 are Protestant.

Senator Pell referred to a report prepared at his quest by the Library of Congress. The report dealt w the heads of state and prime ministers for twenty-th African countries and with leaders of seven countries n yet independent. With one exception all those list for the twenty-three countries, other than the Muslin were educated to some degree in Christian missiona schools, either Catholic or Protestant. For the sev non-independent countries only one man has receiv no Christian missionary education.

The Senator attributed his high regard for Chr tian missionary education to a recent trip to Afri Before that time, he said, he had thought of missionar as being "disliked by the people of the emerging n tions and regarded by them with great suspicion." H said he was deeply impressed by the educational a medical contribution made by missionaries in Africa.

"Without our missionaries, the nations of Africa wou have been much more poorly equipped to join the fam of nations, and conditions would be far less stable Africa than they are," the Senator concluded.—EFM Missionary News Service.

BANGUI, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC— noteworthy inter-mission, inter-denominational meeti was held here early in July, according to Rev. Ja Kliever, superintendent of the Mission Evangelique d Freres. It "was literally an invasion," said Bro. Kliev with housing facilities of both the Brethren Mission a the Baptist Mid-Missions being full to capacity. T meeting was primarily for discussion of youth work m terials and organizations, also adult work among t men, and cooperation in printing and Sunday-scho literature. These missionaries feel there can be gre advantage in pooling the talents and abilities of t various mission organizations; an exchange of ide and planning together can prevent unnecessary duplic tion of effort and equipment in an era when time h become of great essence. Says Bro. Kliever: "This is

Around the World

ellowship of truth-loving evangelical groups working together as a team; it is not a goal but a means of accomplishing the job we have all been called here to do. This work was started with the idea that there would probably be three groups in it, but these three are in t plus three in the Tchad; and we had representatives rom two missions in the Ivory Coast, two from the North Camerouns, from the Swedish Mission here, and also rom the Ubangui Mission in the Congo." There are taggering tasks confronting missionaries in Africa these lays, and conditions can change without warning. A remendous volume of prayer is needed that much may e accomplished for the Lord while doors are yet open.

ROME (MNS)—"In countries of Latin America thouands of Catholics every day join Protestantism," declares an article in the Catholic ecclesiastical magazine *Settimana del Clero.* After declaring that the "falling way" happens mostly among the well-educated classes nd the industrial ranks, the article comments: "Facing his situation, why rekindle the wild spirit of antagonism, which has prevailed in the past without producing any good, but rather enlarging the gap of resentment and difference which separate the Catholics from the separated brethren? The polemics have served up to now o exasperate the spirit and to put in violent opposition spiritual forces which tend to a common and unique inality, that of making known to the world Christ and His message of salvation."

In conclusion the writer urges Catholics to look carefully and with respect to all that is good and honest in pagan religions and to incorporate it into the Christian message. And even more, he emphasizes, the positive spects of Protestantism should not be ignored.—EFMA Missionary News Service.

WINONA LAKE, IND.—*Mrs. Minnie Kennedy* arrived back in Africa on June 28 to begin her eighth erm of missionary service. *Rev. and Mrs. Tom Julien,* Becky and Terry, arrived in New York July 17 aboard he SS *Rotterdam;* they are on furlough following their irst term in the field of France. *Dr. and Mrs. Floyd Taber,* accompanied by John Beaver, landed in New York July 22. The Tabers are on regular furlough. John, eldest of the Wayne Beavers' three sons, will be making his home with the Robert Hill family in Long Beach, California, as will his sister, Mary, who has been with her grandparents in Xenia, Ohio, during the past year. John and Mary will attend Brethren High School. *Miss Marian Thurston* and *Miss Edith Geske,* missionary nurses, left Chicago by plane for Paris and Bangui on uly 25. They are beginning their third term of service n the Central African Republic. *Rev. and Mrs. James Dickson* and three children are enjoying a short vacation in the United States, planning to return to their missionary duties in Puerto Rico in mid-August. *Rev. and Mrs. James Marshall* and four sons are booked to leave New York on Sept. 21 aboard the *Rio de la Plata,* destination Buenos Aires.

PUEBLA, MEXICO (MNS)—A large number of the Christian public of Puebla assembled in the evangelical bookstore "La Verapaz" for its opening and dedication on March 26. Fifteen prominent evangelicals enthusiastically expressed their approval of the new venture, wishing it every success.

"La Verapaz" is located in the downtown section of Puebla and promises to have a very strong witness in the city—EFMA Missionary News Service.

SPECIAL—Latin America's mushrooming cities are "an unprecedented challenge which the Church of Jesus Christ dares not ignore," according to Dr. William L. Wonderly of the American Bible Society, stationed in Mexico with the Society's translations department.

Wonderly, writing in the *Latin America Evangelist,* published in San Jose, Costa Rica, by the Latin America Mission, says that an adequate Christian approach to the cities of Latin America must be found if the Gospel is to make its maximum impact on the "neglected continent."

Wonderly points out that great importance was placed on the cities by Jesus Christ in His earthly ministry, and that His apostles concentrated their efforts in the urban centers.

The article shows that mass migration from rural areas to cities in Latin America, plus the continent's astounding general population growth, calls for careful study of the peoples of the cities so that they can be most effectively reached.

Concentration of population in the cities has already reached amazing proportions, according to Wonderly. "Nearly one-fourth of Argentina's population lives in Buenos Aires or environs, and about one-fifth of Venezuela's people live in Caracas." Adding to the challenge is the fact that Latin America's cities are very heterogeneous culturally and complex in their social stratification.

"If the Church of Jesus Christ is to meet its obligation to this world in transition, we must find more men and women—both missionaries and nationals—who will be willing to devote themselves to the task that is being thrust upon us by this surge of urbanization or city growth. The city offers less physical adventure to the prospective missionary than does the jungle, but it calls for creative work and ideological pioneering on a scale never before seen, and in the midst of the most rapidly growing sectors of humanity—of people for whom Christ died."—*Floodtide,* courtesy Latin America Mission.

Newspage

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DAYTON, OHIO. Dr. and Mrs. Orville Jobson, retired missionaries to Africa, were guest speakers at Patterson Park Brethren Church on July 1. Nathan Casement, pastor.

HARRAH, WASH. Edward Mensinger, first pastor of the new Northwest Grace Brethren Church in Arvada, Colo., was the guest speaker at the Harrah Brethren Church on June 24. Mrs. Bruce Button, Brethren missionary to the Jews, gave an illustrated Jewish Missions message to the WMC ladies on June 29. W. Carl Miller is pastor.

WOOSTER, OHIO. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fry, faithful members of the First Brethren Church, who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Sunday, July 22.

GRAFTON, W. VA. Paul L. Mohler, pastor of the First Brethren Church here, was called to serve as pastor for another year with an increase in salary.

JOHNSTOWN, PA. Randall Poyner, a 1962 graduate of Grace Seminary, has accepted the call to be the new pastor at the Geistown Grace Brethren Church.

ATTENTION: All Brethren who are now living in the Hopewell and Richmond, Virginia area and interested in beginning a Brethren testimony in the Hopewell area, please write at once to the Southeast District Mission Board secretary: Rev. Carlton J. Fuller, Rte. 5, Box 423-B, Roanoke, Va.

NORTH ENGLISH, IOWA. Evangelist Bill Smith reports six decisions for rededication and one for salvation at Pleasant Grove Brethren Church during July 1 to 3. Robert Whited, pastor.

WATERLOO, IOWA. Revival meetings with Evangelist Bill Smith at the Grace Brethren Church resulted in 11 rededications and two decisions for salvation during July 4 to 8. John Aeby, pastor.

ELKHART, IND. A teen party for the young people of Grace Brethren Church included a moonlight cruise on Winona Lake, July 9. Gordon Bracker, pastor.

MANSFIELD, OHIO. Guest speaker at Woodville Grace Brethren Church on July 8 was Louis Stambaugh, Youth for Christ music director. M. L. Myers, pastor.

HAGERSTOWN, MD. The congregation of the Grace Brethren Church, Warren E. Tamkin, pastor, voted unanimously on June 13 to remodel the interior of the main sanctuary.

SAN JOSE, CALIF. The Heralds of Grace Quartet were the guests at a carry-in dinner at the Grace Brethren Church, Lyle Marvin, pastor, on July 3. Fifty-six persons were in attendance at the dinner. The quartet enjoyed homemade ice cream later in the evening.

WAYNESBORO, PA. The Men's Gospel Team of the First Brethren Church are sponsoring open-air Gospel services every Sunday evening during August at Cold Springs Park. Robert Crees is pastor.

FINDLAY, OHIO. Marion Thomas, pastor of Sugar Ridge Church, Bowling Green, Ohio, was the devotional speaker at the Findlay Brethren Sunday school picnic on July 4, at Van Buren Lake. Gerald Teeter, pastor.

GLENDALE, CALIF. Miss Esther A. Ellinghusen, one of the founders and associate editors of Gospel Light Publications, went to be with the Lord on July 1.

AKRON, OHIO. Pastor Russell Ogden and several young people of the First Brethren Church were featured on the radio program, "Spotlight on Youth," over WCRF-FM on July 14.

CUBA, N. MEX. The Midwest District Fellowship of Brethren Churches was held at the Brethren Navajo Mission July 20-22. Robert Salazar was moderator. James McClellan was host missionary.

GLENDALE, CALIF. A special evangelistic service was held at the First Brethren Church on July 1 with Rev. Clarence Hedrick as speaker and Charlie Turner as Gospel singer. Robert E. A. Miller, pastor.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Rev. and Mrs. Edward Lewis, 237 W. Cherry St., Palmyra, Pa. Rev. and Mrs. Homer R. Miller, R.R. 1, Box 264, Ashland, Ohio. Rev. and Mrs. Raymond W. Thompson, 9630 Prichard St., Bellflower, Calif. Rev. and Mrs. Don K. Rager, 115 Oak St., E. Conemaugh, Pa. Chaplain (Capt.) Burton G. Hatch, 221-C Oceanview, Fort Hamilton, N. Y.

MEYERSDALE, PA. Francis Brill, pastor of the Summit Mills Brethren Church, announced his resignation to the congregation on July 15. His correct telephone number is MErcury 8-2473.

CLEVELAND, OHIO. Clair Brickel, pastor of the First Brethren Church, submitted his resignation to the church July 3 to be effective Sept. 1. Brother Brickel is planning to begin a new Brethren work in Brookville, Ohio.

PHILADELPHIA, PA. Lester Smitley, former pastor at Hatboro, Pa., was the guest speaker at Third Brethren Church on July 15 and 22.

LONGVIEW, TEXAS. Dr. Raymond E. Gingrich has accepted the

NOTICE OF CORPORATION MEETING

The Annual Business Meeting of the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, Inc., will convene on Tuesday, August 14, 1962, at 10:45 a.m. in the Auditorium at Winona Lake, Ind. All corporation members are urged to be present.

position of Academic Vice President at Le Tourneau College, and Dr. Paul R. Bauman will be the Administrative Vice President of the same institution. Le Tourneau is a liberal arts college of approximately 700 to 800 students as of the beginning of the approaching fall semester.

WASHINGTON, D. C. Dr. W. A. Ogden, retiring vice president of Grace Seminary and College, has accepted the unanimous call to become pastor of the First Brethren Church here.

ATTENTION! All coming to National Sunday School Convention! The convention session opens with the Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. Age groups will meet at the following locations:

Nursery, Kindergarten, Primary, College, Adults up to 40 years of age—Seminary Building; Junior, Junior High, Senior High—College Building; Adults 40 years of age and above—Winona Lake Auditorium. The 10:45 a.m. session with Dr. Clate Risley as speaker will be held in the Winona Lake Auditorium.

NOTICE: Information blanks for The Brethren Annual have been mailed to all pastors. Please fill these in and return at once to the Missionary Herald. Deadline for all material for the Annual will be Sept. 15.

WINONA LAKE, IND. One of the speakers at the National Conference laymen's meetings will be R. Stanley Tam, an outstanding Christian businessman from Lima, Ohio. He will speak at 8 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 17. Other speakers will be laymen's president, Ken Kohler, Philadelphia, Pa.; Robert Foltz, South Bend, Ind.; Richard Beach, Altoona, Pa.; and Harold Bolesky, Mansfield, Ohio.

Wedding Bells

Announcements in this column are published when sent in by a pastor.

Carolyn Holtzinger and Loren E. Dimos, June 29, at the Grace Brethren Church, Elkhart, Ind.

Marjorie Turner and Larry Kirkpatrick, June 15, at the First Brethren Church, Portis, Kans.

Loreen Summers and Jerry Young, June 9, Grace Brethren Church, Palmyra, Pa.

Dorotheann Miller and Rondel Barker, July 7, at the First Brethren Church, Glendale, Calif.

Reva Geho and Glenn Gamble, June 30, at the First Brethren Church, Uniontown, Pa.

Donna Taylor and Loren Maierle, June 30, at the Sidney Brethren Church, Sidney, Ind.

ENDS EARTHLY PILGRIMAGE

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

BRENNEMAN, Albert, 88, departed to be with the Lord on July 1. He was a faithful member of the Summit Mills Brethren Church, Meyersdale, Pa.

—Francis M. Brill, pastor.

SMITH, Mrs. Mary, went home to glory on June 29. She was a member of the First Brethren Church, Cleveland, Ohio. The funeral was held in Indiana, Pa., and the burial was made in Johnstown, Pa. Funeral services were conducted by the pastor.

—Clair Brickel, pastor.

HOUSTON, Miss Janet, 71, was a faithful member of the First Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa. She was matron of the Christian Home in Johnstown for 21 years. The pastor conducted the funeral service in Pittsburgh.

—James Sweeton, pastor.

KOOL, Mrs. Eva, a faithful member of the New Troy Brethren Church, New Troy, Mich., went to be with the Lord on June 19.

—Gerald Kelley, pastor.

ORRICK, Mrs. Larry (Ruth), departed this life May 29. She was an active member at First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

—Dr. Charles Mayes, pastor.

HALBERT, Charles, a deacon at First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif., went home to be with his precious Lord on May 7. Rev. Alan Pearce officiated at the funeral service.

—Dr. Charles Mayes, pastor.



Churches IN THE News

SIDNEY, IND.

A very successful two-week VBS was conducted in our church during June with an average attendance of 82, counting children and adults. The total offering received was given to help supply books for the African children. The mission emphasis was highlighted by the presence of one of our retired Africa missionaries or one on furlough at nearly every service during the school to present the need of readers for African children.

—Rollin Sandy, pastor

HAGERSTOWN, MD.

The Gospelheirs came to the Gay Street Brethren Church Thursday, July 12 and brought us an hour and quarter of wonderful gospel music. Each young lady gave a real challenging testimony that thrilled, warmed, and moved the hearts of young and old alike.

The singing was not only good musically, but a real blessing spiritually. The people seemed well satisfied.

Miss Ava Schnittjer brought a most interesting Bible study and then presented a real clear picture of the need of a dormitory at Grace College and a simple down-to-earth method of paying for this much-needed home for our Grace students.

We were very much impressed and blessed by Miss Schnittjer and the marvelous "Gospelheirs."

Our church and I enjoyed the group so much, and we could see that they put so much into the service that we felt we [illegible] known what [illegible] us.

—William E. Howard, pastor

Teen Team To Germany

By Roger Peugh

Harrah Brethren Church
Harrah, Washington

On August 13, 1962, seven young people and an adult director will leave the Seattle-Tacoma Airport and fly via the polar route to London. This will begin a four-month tour which will take them into six and possibly seven European countries. Purpose: to spread the Good News of the Gospel of Christ.

The group, organized by Youth for Christ, is from the State of Washington. Max Robinson, Yakima; Steve Bibelheimer, Tacoma; Ed Haslam, Seattle; Roger Peugh, Harrah; Sharon Johnson, Seattle; Noreen Taplett, Wenatchee; Nancy Blaskowsky, Seattle; and the director is Rev. Paul "Tex" Yearout, Washington State YFC Director and Yakima Rally Director. Roger Peugh is a member of the Harrah Brethren Church and spent last year as a freshman at Grace College, Winona Lake, Indiana. Each member has had a strong testimony on his own high school campus and a burning desire to share with others a new life in Christ.

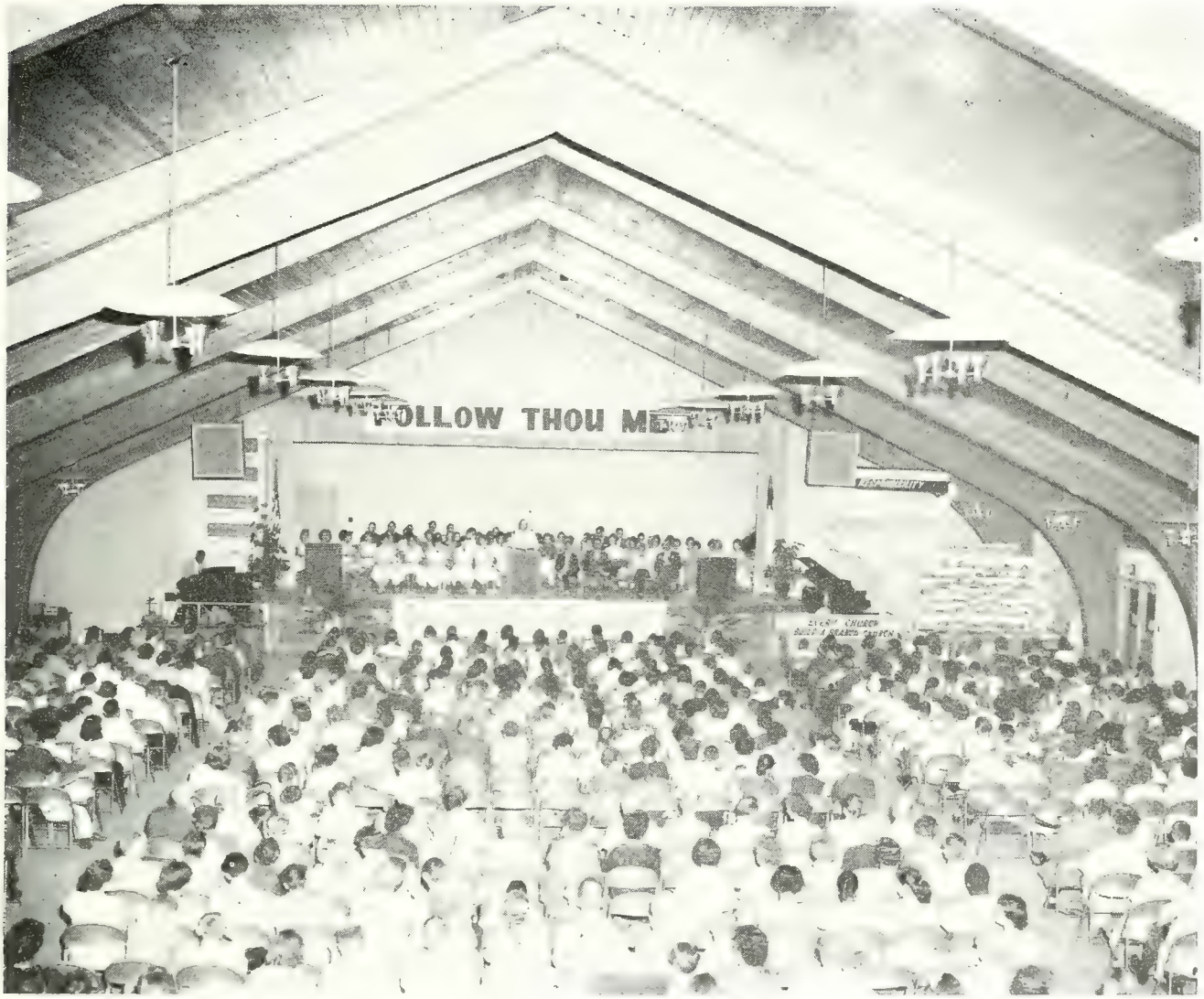
These seven, of which five are 1962 high school graduates and two, Noreen and Roger, have completed one year of college, were picked at Christmastime 1961 from about thirty applicants from Washington. Each teen-ager has been recommended, first by his church and then by his local YFC leaders to make sure that he was spiritually fit for the task that was ahead. Then final selection was made by Mr. Wendy Collins, vice president of YFCI, Overseas Operations, and a board composed of the YFC directors of the state, on the basis of singing ability and blend of voices. A male quartet and a ladies trio were chosen. Solos, duets, and an ensemble of seven are several other singing combinations. The team was instructed to begin a study of German, which would enable each to get along in normal German conversation. Two are of German background, Steve and Nancy, and speak German in the home. Ed has had two years of German in high school. As most of the time will be spent in German speaking countries, over half of the vocal numbers will be sung in German.

The team, whose ministry will be primarily vocal, met July 23 in Seattle to begin rehearsing numbers. Sunday, July 29, a service was presented in Tacoma at Steve's home church. The following week will be spent in Yakima in further preparation, and Sunday, August 5, another service will be given in the morning at Max's home church in Yakima and that evening at the Harrah Brethren Church, Roger's home church. Monday they will move to Wenatchee for a farewell meeting at Noreen's church. The team will then return to Seattle and Saturday, August 11, hold the final send off service at the World's Fair.

August 13 a Pan-American jet will carry them to London and the first week will be spent at England's National YFC Convention. The second week will be spent in West Germany at the All Europe YFC Convention. The group, which has received a written invitation from West Berlin's school superintendent, will then spend the next six weeks in West Berlin, appearing in all of that city's forty high schools. They will then go back into West Germany to a number of the major cities, again appearing in the schools. German speaking Switzerland is next, then Austria, if visas can be secured. Because another team is being sent to France this fall, this group will pass through with only several meetings planned. Spain and Portugal will be the last countries on the agenda, though at this time not much is known of how long will be spent in either country.

Lord willing, they will be back in the States on December 15 to separate until December 22, when another trip will be made cross country to Washington, D. C. There they will appear before the Capital Teen Convention, December 27 to 29. After this the group will disband and each will enter or return to the college of his choice.

These young people earnestly covet your prayers that the Lord will guide all of their activities and bless their ministry. Because so much of what Americans do overseas creates the impression that all Americans are rich showoffs who look down upon Europeans, especially pray that this team will be able to reach the teens of Europe without depending on human showmanship and sensationalistic programs but completely on Christ.



Grace Seminary and College Announcements for National Conference Week

Executive Committee, Monday, August 13, 9:00 a.m.
Seminary Building

Board of Trustees, Monday, August 13, 1:30 p.m.
Seminary Building

Corporation Meeting, Thursday, August 16, 10:45 a.m.
Winona Lake Auditorium



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Thursday, August 16, 8:15 p.m.

The Parable of the Orange Tree

BY DR. JOHN WHITE
Bolivia

I dreamed I drove on a Florida road, still and straight and empty. On either side were groves of orange trees so that as I turned to look at them from time to time, line after line of trees stretched back endlessly from the road—their boughs heavy with round yellow fruit. This was harvest time. My wonder grew as the miles slipped by. How could the harvest be gathered?

Suddenly I realized that for all the hours I had driven (and this was how I knew I must be dreaming) I had seen no other person. The groves were empty of people. No other car had passed me. No houses were to be seen beside the highway. I was alone in a forest of orange trees.

But at last I saw some orange pickers. Far from the highway, almost on the horizon, lost in the vast wilderness of unpicked fruit I could discern a tiny group of them working steadily. And many miles later I saw another group. I could not be sure, but I suspected that the earth beneath me was shaking with silent laughter at the hopelessness of their task. Yet the pickers went on picking. The sun had long passed its zenith, and the shadows were lengthening when, without any warning, I turned a corner of the road to see a notice "Leaving NEGLECTED COUNTY —— Entering HOME COUNTY." The contrast was so startling that I scarcely had time to take in the notice. I had to slow down, for all at once the traffic was heavy. People by the thousands swarmed the road and crowded the sidewalks.

Even more startling was the transformation in the orange groves. Orange groves were still there, and orange trees in abundance, but now, far from being silent and empty, they were filled with the laughter and singing of multitudes of people. Indeed it was the people we noticed rather than the trees. People and houses.

I parked the car at the roadside and mingled with the crowd. Smart gowns, neat shoes, showy hats, expensive suits and starched shirts made me a little conscious of my work clothes. Everyone seemed so fresh, and poised, and gay.

"Is it a holiday?" I asked a well-dressed woman with whom I fell in step.

She looked a little startled for a moment, and then her face relaxed with a smile of gracious condescension.

"You're a stranger, aren't you?" she said, and before I could reply, "This is Orange Day."

She must have seen a puzzled look on my face, for she went on, "It is so good to turn aside from one's labors and pick oranges one day of the week."

"But don't you pick oranges every day?" I asked her.

"One may pick oranges at any time," she said. "We should always be ready to pick oranges, but Orange Day is the day that we devote especially to orange picking."

I left her and made my way further into the trees. Most of the people were carrying a book. Bound beautifully in leather, and edged and lettered in gold, I was able to discern on the edge of one of them the words, "Orange Picker's Manual."

By and by I noticed around one of the orange trees seats had been arranged rising upward in tiers from the ground. The seats were almost full but, as I approached the group, a smiling well-dressed gentleman shook my hand and conducted me to a seat.

There, around the foot of the orange tree, I could see a number of people. One of them was addressing all the people on the seats and, just as I got to my seat, everyone rose to his feet and began to sing. The man next to me shared with me his song book. It was called "Songs of the Orange Groves."

They sang for some time, and the song leader waved his arms with a strange and frenzied abandon, exhorting the people in the intervals between the songs to sing more loudly.

I grew steadily more puzzled.

"When do we start to pick oranges?" I asked the man who had loaned me his book.

"It's not long now," he told me. "We like to get everyone warmed up first. Besides, we want to make the oranges feel at home." I thought he was joking, but his face was serious.

After a while a rather fat man took over from the song leader and after reading two sentences from his well-thumbed copy of the Orange Picker's Manual, began to make a speech. It wasn't clear whether he was addressing the people or the oranges.

I glanced behind me and saw a number of groups of people similar to our own group gathering around an occasional tree and being addressed by other fat men. Some of the trees had no one around them.

"Which trees do we pick from?" I asked the man beside me. He did not seem to understand, so I pointed to the trees round about.

"This is our tree," he said, pointing to the one we were gathered around.

"But there are too many of us to pick from just one tree," I protested.

"Why, there are more people than oranges!"

"But we don't pick oranges," the man explained. "We haven't been called. That's the Pastor Orange Picker's job. We're here to support him. Besides we haven't been to college. You need to know how an orange thinks before you can pick it successfully—orange psychology, you know. Most of these folks here," he went on, pointing to the congregation, "have never been to Manual School."

"Manual School," I whispered. "What's that?"

"It's where they go to study the Orange Picker's Manual," my informant went on. "It's very hard to understand. You need years of study before it makes sense."

"I see," I murmured. "I had no idea that picking oranges was so difficult."

The fat man at the front was still making his speech. His face was red, and he appeared to be indignant about something. So far as I could see there was rivalry with some of the other "orange-picking" groups. But a moment later a glow came on his face.

"But we are not forsaken," he said. "We have much to be thankful for. Last week we saw *three oranges brought into our baskets,* and we are now completely debt free from the money we owed on the new cushion covers that grace the seats you now sit on."

"Isn't it wonderful?" the man next to me murmured. I made no reply. I felt that something must be profoundly wrong somewhere. All this seemed to be a very round-about way of picking oranges.

The fat man was reaching a climax in his speech. The atmosphere seemed tense. Then with a very dramatic gesture he reached two of the oranges, plucked them from the branch, and placed them in the basket at his feet. The applause was deafening.

"Do we start on the picking now?" I asked my informant.

"What in the world do you think we're doing?" he hissed. "What do you suppose this tremendous effort has been made for? There's more orange-picking talent in this group than in the rest of Home County. Thousands of dollars have been spent on the tree you're looking at."

I apologized quickly. "I wasn't being critical," I said. "And I'm sure the fat man must be a very good orange picker, but surely the rest of us could try. After all, there are so many oranges that need picking. We've all got a pair of hands, and we could read the Manual."

"When you've been in the business as long as I have, you'll realize that it's not as simple as that," he replied. "There isn't time, for one thing. We have our work to do, our families to care for, and our homes to look after. We . . ."

But I wasn't listening. Light was beginning to break on me. Whatever these people were, they were not orange pickers. Orange picking was just a form of entertainment for their weekends.

I tried one or two more of the groups around the trees. Not all of them had such high academic standards for orange pickers. Some held classes on orange picking. I tried to tell them of the trees I had seen in Neglected County but they seemed to have little interest.

"We haven't picked the oranges here yet," was their usual reply.

The sun was almost setting in my dream and, growing tired of the noise and activity all around me, I got in the car and began to drive back again along the road I had come. Soon all around me again were the vast and empty orange groves.

But there were changes. Something had happened in my absence. Everywhere the ground was littered with fallen fruit. And as I watched it seemed that before my eyes the trees began to rain oranges. Many of them lay rotting on the ground.

I felt there was something so strange about it all, and my bewilderment grew as I thought of all the people in Home County.

Then, booming through the trees there came a voice which said: "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers."

And I awakened, for it was only a dream!

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BRETHREN DAY OF PRAYER—WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15

Praise and Prayer

HOME MISSIONS

PRAY for the National Conference, the Boards, the Committees, and every phase of The Brethren Church in session through August 19 that God's program for us will be manifested and for His glory.

PRAY that a greater burden for home missions will result from the itineration this fall on behalf of home missions.

PRAY for the Navajo Mission Boarding School staff with its new members and for the school that will begin within a few days.

PRAY for the churches of Galion, Ohio; Pompano Beach, Florida, and Lancaster, Pennsylvania, where considerable difficulty has been experienced in finding a proper church location.

PRAY for the kindergartens and Christian Day Schools in connection with the home-mission churches.

BOARD OF EVANGELISM

PRAY for offerings in our evangelistic meetings that will cover the costs of the evangelist plus traveling and overhead expenses.

PRAY that the Brethren men with the gift of evangelism shall dedicate themselves to evangelism in spite of the sacrifices entailed. That we will not have to go outside of our brotherhood for evangelists.

PRAY for Bob Collitt, our evangelist, that he may be anointed continuously to bring in a great harvest of souls.

GRACE SEMINARY, COLLEGE

PRAY that construction on the dormitory which has started will be speeded along.

PRAY that there may be an increase in the College and Seminary student body.

LAYMEN

PRAY for God's blessing upon the Laymen's meetings at National Conference.

PRAY that God will guide in the election of officers for the new year.

PRAY that our laymen might feel the urgency of getting the Gospel out.

PRAY for God's blessing upon the laymen's witnessing this summer.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRAY that the Sunday School Convention may have a real impact on all who attend.

PRAY that the new Handbook to be distributed at National Conference may help our teachers and officers.

PRAY that there may be a deepening concern for the spiritual welfare of the more than 40,000 Sunday-school scholars in Brethren churches.

PRAY that the financial needs of the National Sunday School Board might be answered through Brethren Sunday schools.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

PRAISE God for the good response to the film showings in France recently. Pray for the follow-up of the contacts made.

PRAY that it might be possible to organize a quiz team among the young people at Waipio, Hawaii, to encourage them in the study of God's Word.

PRAY for the ministry of the Bible Institute in Argentina, and for strength and wisdom for the teachers.

PRAY for the missionaries in Africa that the Lord will give them strength for their work and keep them safe over the many miles they need to travel.

PRAY for the missionaries in Puerto Rico as they continually study the Spanish language that they will become fluent in it.

SMM

PRAY for all SMM girls traveling to and from conference.

PRAY that the decisions made at the summer camps will be lasting ones.

PRAY for the election of new officers for the National SMM.

WMC

PRAY that the Lord may lead in the election of new officers of our National WMC officers.

PRAY that each member may have a more spiritual and powerful prayer life.

PRAY for our foreign WMC councils and for the supplying of their needs.

PRAY that each WMC member may try to do her part in attaining WMC goals.

YOUTH

PRAY for the staff and counselors of our National Youth Conference.

PRAY for our many campers that their lives may be committed to Christ.

PRAY that God may raise up some men dedicated to the work of Youth throughout our denomination. There is a great and urgent need in many, many churches.

PRAY for our summer missionaries in Cuba, New Mexico.

MISSIONARY HERALD

PRAISE God for the excellent response to the two-color "Personal Decision Issue" of the Missionary Herald magazine.

PRAY that our Lord will richly bless the use of this special issue in the winning of precious souls to Jesus Christ.

PRAY that wisdom will be given to the board of directors as they meet prior to National Conference in order to make important decisions concerning the Herald Company.

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A Devotional Theme for August

Roots of Bitterness

"Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled" (Heb. 12:15).

The story of the Prodigal Son in Luke chapter 15 has been used many times to present God's love in reclaiming a poor lost sinner who has sunk to the lowest depth. Certainly this message is to be found here, but this is not the only purpose or even the main purpose of the parable in Luke 15. To find that purpose we must go back to the first verses of the chapter. Here we read: "Then drew near unto him all the publicans and sinners for to hear him. And the Pharisees and scribes murmured, saying, This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them. And he spake this parable unto them, saying . . ." In the parable which follows we have the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost son. But the parable is not directed to those who are unrighteous, but to those who are self-righteous. Jesus is not using this parable as a means of reaching the publicans and sinners, but as a rebuke to the Pharisees and scribes. We like to talk about the actions of the prodigal. We prefer to overlook the attitude of the elder son.

So many times in life, someone does something wrong. Then we respond in the wrong way. Their actions are wrong, but our attitudes are wrong. Many times it is harder to correct wrong attitudes than it is to correct wrong actions. Why? Because the "roots of bitterness" have found a way of entrance into our heart. The tragedy is that so often they become embedded without our knowledge. The actions of someone else cannot really hurt us, but our response, or attitude, toward those actions can. "Roots of bitterness" are dangerous and deadly because they destroy from within.

Roots of Bitterness Will Affect Our Social Relationships

Of course, when "roots of bitterness" lodge in our heart, the first thing they will do is affect our disposition. A bitter spirit will also manifest itself as a critical spirit. Jealousy, envy, and anger are all evidences of bitterness of heart. While it is not as easy to see, gossip is really an effort to show that we are better than someone else by tearing them down because we have bitterness of spirit.

So many times when someone wrongs us, our immediate response is to say something, or do something to hurt them. Really, the only person



By Mrs. Russell L. Williams
Cheyenne, Wyoming

we have hurt is ourselves. If they have done wrong by our "getting even," we have only succeeded in lowering ourselves to the same level.

Roots of Bitterness Can Affect Us Physically

The story is told of a minister's wife who had been an invalid for years. Something happened to bring her to the place where she was honest with herself. She admitted that her illness dated back to the days when her husband came home and told her they were to move to a certain church. She knew the place and she hated it. She was angry to think they must go there. She allowed her anger and hatred and bitterness to control her. As a result, she became ill. The day they moved to the new field, she was bedfast, and she spent years in bed and in a wheelchair because she had allowed "roots of bitterness" in her heart. When at last she took all to Christ and allowed Him to uproot the bitterness, she was healed.

Most of us have not had anything this extreme happen to us. We might be surprised how close the connection is between our attitude of heart and our physical health.

Roots of Bitterness Will Affect Us Spiritually

Even though they do not affect our health, and even if they do not show in our disposition, "roots of bitterness" will entwine themselves in our life and stifle and destroy our spiritual life. The very moment they begin to take root in our life they will begin to sap our spiritual zeal and strength. First, we will begin to lose interest in spiritual things. Fellowship with our wonderful Lord will be broken. The Word of God and the place of prayer will be neglected. We will cease to have an interest in the unsaved and their needs. We will become spiritually cold and careless. Before long the evidences will appear in our home. Instead of being a little bit of heaven here on earth as the Lord intended, there will be bickering and strife, turmoil and confusion, where peace and contentment and order should have charge.

Christ's Work Destroyed by Roots of Bitterness

But Hebrews 12:15 states that we should "Look diligently lest . . . many be defiled." Think of the untold, irreparable harm that has come to the work of Christ because someone has allowed the "roots of bitterness" in his heart.

An individual *thinks* someone is talking about him. He becomes suspicious and critical of everyone. He must defend himself, so he begins to start gossip about the person he thinks is hurting him. The gossip spreads. The other person responds in kind. There will be bickering, backbiting, cutting remarks. Soon everyone in the church is taking sides. There is turmoil and confusion, and the Spirit of God cannot work. Some may quit the church and never find another. Even if this does not happen, all the time souls who could be reached, souls for whom Christ died, are going out into eternity without Christ and without hope.

An Experience That Drew Me Close to the Lord

"An experience that drew me close to the Lord." As I pondered this title, many experiences flooded my mind. But the one that stands out most in my thoughts was the privilege I had of visiting the Holy Land and walking where Jesus walked.

As I re-lived the familiar Bible stories over and over again, the Lord became more precious to me. While walking on the shores of the Sea of Galilee, I could imagine the many miracles that Christ performed, especially the feeding of the five thousand. It was on that site we listened as the Bread of Life was broken for us on a Sunday morning.

In a boat on the Sea a wind came up to toss the boat. At that time I wondered if I would have had the faith I needed on that wind-swept



By Mrs. Charles Koontz
Winona Lake, Indiana

Sea so many years ago when Christ calmed it with His, "Peace, be still!"

The two places that drew me closest to the Lord were Calvary and the empty tomb. As I stood on the hill of Calvary I could imagine three crosses reaching toward heaven, the middle cross bearing my blessed Saviour hanging there in shame for my sins. As I stood before the empty tomb and realized anew that Christ was no longer in the grave, my heart filled with gratitude and love to the Saviour who left His heavenly home for me. It was a thrill to sing "He Arose" and know that He no longer was in that tomb wrapped in grave-clothes. I know that He is in heaven seated on the right hand of the throne of God interceding for me. I can say with Job of old: "For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth" (Job 19:25).

It was on the Mount of Olives from which our risen Lord was taken up into heaven. I remembered again the promise of the two men in Acts 1:11: "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." What a blessed hope we Christians have! What a blessed promise, too, which we have in the Word that we shall come back with Him when He comes to stand on the Mount of Olives.

As He arose triumphant,
We too shall also rise;
As He the throne ascended,
We shall ascend the skies.
And as He lives forever,
We too shall die no more,
But, with our Lord directing,
Eternal life explore.

—Author unknown

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS FOR OCTOBER

AFRICA—

James Stephen Beaver October 1, 1949
B.P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic

Kimberly Joe Cone October 14, 1953
Bossembele via Bangui, Central African Republic

Karisse Ann Cone October 16, 1957
Bossembele via Bangui, Central African Republic

Mrs. Roy B. Snyder October 20
Bouca via Bangui, Central African Republic

Mrs. Donald A. Spangler October 20
B.P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic

Rev. Marvin L. Goodman, Jr. October 22
Mission a N'Zoro, Bocaranga via Bangui, Central African Republic

ARGENTINA—

Sharon Louise Churchill October 5, 1959
Remedios de Escalada 74, Rio Tercero, F.C.B.M., Prov. Cordoba, Argentina, S. A.

Viki Jo Cover October 9, 1955
Reconquista 178, Corral de Bustos, F.C.N.G.B.M., Prov. Cordoba, Argentina, S. A.

Mrs. Donald E. Bishop October 24
I. Arias 3360, Castelar, F.N.D.F.S., Argentina, S. A.

BRAZIL—

Rev. George A. Johnson October 5
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil

Timothy Roy Burk October 8, 1958
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil

Mrs. Bill A. Burk October 18
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil

Mrs. John W. Zielasko October 28
1630 Sebastiao, Freitas, Capanema, Para, Brazil

HAWAII—

Mrs. Edmund M. Leech October 2
98-404 Ponohale Street, Aiea, Oahu, Hawaii

MEXICO—

Mrs. A. L. Howard October 7
406 Mary Avenue, Calexico, California, U.S.A.

Daniel Edward Edmiston October 11, 1952
519 Sunset Lane, San Ysidro, California, U.S.A.

Douglas Allen Edmiston October 22, 1959
519 Sunset Lane, San Ysidro, California, U.S.A.

IN THE UNITED STATES—

Edward Douglas Miller, Jr. October 8, 1952
1865 Maria Court, Modesto, California

John Wayne Beaver October 14, 1948
c/o Rev. Robert Hill, 1940 McNab Avenue, Long Beach 15, California

Rev. J. Paul Dowdy October 18
101 4th Street, Winona Lake, Indiana

Anne Jeanette Goodman October 27, 1948
231 Linden Way, Sunnyside, Washington

WHO ELSE BUT THE KING?

BY SUZANNE RUSSELL
North English, Iowa

(Ed. Note. The following article was originally written by the teen-age author for a history assignment *in the public school. The article is written in an imaginative fashion and does not claim accuracy in Biblical details.)*

The afternoon sun was low in the Galilean sky as Nathanael trudged the dusty streets toward home. It seemed the way was especially long today. The vendors were loudly proclaiming their wares as he passed through the market place. He drifted along with the crowd unconscious of his surroundings. Presently he was again on a quiet, peaceful street nearing his home.

"Nathanael, are you deaf? I have been calling to you ever since you passed the well." Simon was out of breath and waited for an explanation. But Nathanael continued to walk in deliberate silence.

"My friend, what is bothering you?"

"Have you heard of Him?"

"Him? Who? Nathanael, you are talking in riddles." Simon impatiently dropped the subject and suggested that Nathanael go to his house until mealtime.

Nathanael ignored the suggestion as if it had never reached his ear and presisted in the discussion. "The Nazarene who claims to be the King of Israel."

"Oh, yes, I've heard the elders talk of this false prophet. A king! Can any thing come out of Nazareth?"

"Did you not hear of the wedding feast in Cana?"

"I have no time for idle chatter concerning such a man. Come along with me."

"No, no, I am late now. I will see you tomorrow."

"Very well, my deep thinking friend," Simon replied sarcastically. Although Simon was only a year younger than Nathanael, his stature indicated a mere child. His curly, black hair was allowed to go uncombed, and his attire was quite untidy.

Nathanael passed on in contemplation of the things he had heard at the synagogue that day. This Nazarene had turned water into wine—who else but a king.

As Nathanael walked into the courtyard of his home, his small sister, Damaris, ran to him and begged him to play with her. Her tresses hung delicately down her back—blue black and shining as a raven. Her complexion was flawless, and her dark skin was soft to the touch. She was truly a Jewish beauty.

Smoothing her hair, Nathanael apologized: "My precious one, I cannot play now. I must talk to Father."

The courtyard was lavish and revealed at first glance the high standing of the family. Rich purples were blended with brilliant golds in the heavy tapestries, and plush couches decorated the interior of the house. Concerned with nothing else, Nathanael immediately sought his father.

"But Son, this is foolish nonsense. Where did this story of the wedding feast originate? Only from the mouths of servants. They say that He turned water into wine. Has all your learning taught you nothing? It is impossible, except maybe in the minds of feeble slaves."

Nathanael hung his head and dejectedly walked again toward the courtyard. His steps were heavy, his thoughts confused.

"How can there be any doubt," he said to himself. "How could I ever place the babble of servants above the judgment of my father." With this, Nathanael dismissed the problem, and his thoughts returned to the practical aspects of the day.

As time passed, Nathanael matured rapidly. His father realized not only his superior ability in learning, but also his wisdom and judgment were far beyond his years, so the father sent him to Jerusalem to study at the feet of Gamaliel. Gamaliel was held in great respect by the people and his advice was accepted without question. His face was seamed with wrinkles, but his eyes disclosed the deep understanding and the wealth of knowledge that was his.

Under this man's instructions, Nathanael was schooled in the strictest observance of the law. Although his heart longed for home and Damaris, his ambition to become a successful lawyer compelled him to close his mind to childish desires.

Nathanael valued each day with his teacher, and grew to love and respect him. Gamaliel's wisdom far surpassed that of even the most educated. Each precious moment held a new adventure and kept Nathanael awed at his teacher's perception.

One evening after their meal, Gamaliel inquired of Nathanael his opinions on current situations facing Jerusalem. "And how would you evaluate this new group following the Nazarene."

"I feel inadequate to discuss them, Rabbi." The teacher's face was drawn by a frown betraying both disgust and wonderment. "Nathanael, you seldom give such empty answers. Is it that your reply shows only an empty head, or does it protect opinions you do not feel free to express."

Gamaliel waited. The silence stung his ears as disappointment in his pupil pierced his heart. Nathanael was his favorite and always seemed so eager to discuss recent happenings. His ideas and outlook were refreshing and so far advanced for a lad of his age. But there was no excuse for his failure. "It is late now. You may retire."

Nathanael felt an urge to explain, to say something. The tone of his teacher's voice created an atmosphere of rejection. He was trained well enough to suppress this urge and obediently went to his chambers.

The following morning having pondered the problem in his mind, he decided to study more carefully the question posed the night before.

While passing through the streets, Nathanael was never too busy or too engrossed in thought to stop and talk with the children of the neighborhood. Because of his willingness to spend time with them and his ability to provide sweetcakes, the children idolized Nathanael and placed great confidence in his judgment.

Several days later while attending to business in the market, Nathanael's ears caught bits of gossip and talk of the Nazarene. The feats he performed could not be denied. Nathanael had to hear this miracle worker.

Knowing that the man was near Jerusalem, Nathanael was particularly alert and noticed one day the unmistakable flow of people—the curious—through the gates of the city and out to the hills. He followed, and from afar off he could see the crowd gathered on a distant hillside. A multitude were seated and many more were coming to hear the words of the man garbed in white whom they hailed as the King of Israel.

Stopping at a safe distance from the rest, Nathanael, leaning against a tree, listened intently to the teaching. A profound stillness settled over the mass. Children ceased to cry as if they understood every word.

Nathanael was not yet convinced. He remembered the words of his father. His mind was torn in a battle between his tradition as a boy and his experience as an impressionable young man.

As the days passed, the conflict in his own being and in Jerusalem became evident. This, coupled with preparation for the Passover, quickened all of the city with an air of frenzied excitement and eager anticipation.

One evening Nathanael was idly walking the streets when he detected a distinct agitation. Soon a mass movement began rushing forward in the directions of the house of Caiaphas, the high priest.

Springing through the narrow streets, dodging obstacles and those slowed by age, Nathanael made his way to the palace. What was wrong? Had there been a murder? He grabbed the sleeve of a middle-aged Jew nearby and inquired: "Friend, what is it? What has aroused the people so?"

The Jew turned and Nathanael's eyes fell on a sympathetic face filled with sorrow. His bronze face was marked with lines of deepest anxiety as he replied: "The Nazarene. He has been seized and is now before the council." The short, breathy sentences was all the man could utter. He turned abruptly and melted into the endless sea of faces.

Nathanael stared at the palace, his imagination running wild as he pictured the events taking place inside those walls. He strained every muscle of his body trying to catch a single word, a single glimpse. Beads of sweat trickled down his face as he waited the decision of the scribes and elders. The people were whispering madly by now. The whispering turned to shouting as they went wild.

At last the verdict—the Nazarene deserved to die. Nathanael's heart sank. If only he could have heard the proceedings. This man did nothing to merit death. What blinded the people?

Weaving out of the bloodthirsty crowd, Nathanael ran through the dimly lit streets seeking the peace of his own chambers. In time, being only a short distance from his house, the blood rushing through Nathanael's head began to cool. He licked his parched lips and looking up noticed for the first time that night the clear sky and the magnitude of the stars. The air was cool. The body he had been holding so tense could relax. He could think now, and that is what he must do.

Dawn closed a night of restlessness for Nathanael and ushered in a day he would never forget. Early he was informed that the Nazarene had been taken to the governor. Nathanael's spirits were lifted as he realized that prisoner which was the choice of the people would be set free that day.

On approaching the palace grounds, he immediately sensed the hostility of the Jews. He arrived just as Pilate, richly dressed in robes of authority, appeared before the people. A hush fell over the group as it made its usual request at Passover time—the freedom of a prisoner. This was not made with words, but merely by the assembling of the Jews.

Pilate presented them with a choice. They made it. A thief was set free, and the crowd screamed for the crucifixion of the Nazarene.

For a moment Nathanael ceased to think. His head was heavy; his muscles ached. The world was spinning before him. Blindly he stumbled after the mob as the mad procession made its way to Golgotha outside the city. Nathanael faltered as he saw the condemned man bent beneath the weight of the cross. Nails were driven through the Nazarene's hands and feet. He wore a crown of thorns, which cut deep into His flesh allowing the blood to escape freely. There He hung on the cross—His limp body a token of His love.

At noon, as daylight turned to an uncanny darkness, a paralyzing fear swept over the people gathered at the foot of the cross. The day became suddenly cold and damp as a penetrating wind chilled the barren hillside. Weeping women drew their children close and scurried back to the city. Those left shuddered as the dark clouds above yielded a dismal rain.

Nathanael, who had been standing back, felt compelled to go to the dying man. Looking to the cross his eye was caught by a placard above the Nazarene which before had escaped his view. The inscription read, "The King of the Jews." Nathanael murmured, "Who else, but the King?"

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WMC News

EVERETT, PENNSYLVANIA. The East district spring rally of WMC was held here, May 3. The Lord blessed us with beautiful weather, which in itself warmed our hearts after the winter months. So with spring blessing both physical and spiritual, the day proved beneficial indeed.

At the opening of each of the two sessions our Program chairman, Mrs. Ruth Burns, added a good flavor by reading short poems, "Just for Today," and "God Hath Not Promised." This was in addition to the devotions which were conducted by different ladies.

District Patroness, Mrs. Ruth Barndt, gave a report of the recent SMM rally where about 300 girls were assembled. A highlight was that the girls more than met their district project for a deep freeze at the Navajo school. They gave $600 of which $108 came from the Leamersville group.

A gift of fifty dollars is being sent by the WMC to help with the "Trumpette," a paper printed in Central Africa. One hundred dollars is also designated for literature for Taos. An effort is being made to send an extra large gift after District Conference for the Missionary Residence in Winona.

We were happy to have Mrs. Barnard with us. She gave us greetings and also expressed appreciation for help the women are giving to both missionary residences in upkeep as well as building and furnishing.

We heard part of a tape recording from the Tresise's in Hawaii. This was sent as thanks for the recorder the district had sent to them after the October rally.

Our president awarded a fine record book to Leamersville senior council for having the largest number present at the rally.

Our guest speaker, Mrs. Minnie Kennedy, spoke both morning and afternoon. She told of the different WMC groups in the Bekoro area. The native pastor's wives lead these and are doing a good job. She also told of idols and belief in evil spirits which hinder the people in the bush. In closing she asked us to pray for them, and for her as she returns.

—Mrs. Fred Walter, District Secy.

WEST COVINA, CALIFORNIA. Our church has been in great need of a larger nursery room, and several men in our church recently partitioned a large area, panelled the partition, and gave us much more space for the little ones. But it still looked dowdy.

This week our WMC women have done a beautiful job of painting the walls a soft pink, putting white matchstick bamboo drapes in the babies' sleeping room, and a pink and white check flounce above all the windows. The women gathered together enough stamp savings books to get a new maple rocking chair, and we have hired a woman to take care of the little ones so that all the mothers can be free to enjoy the worship service.

Our nursery has become an appealing and inviting room, where parents can rest easy that their children will be well cared for.

—West Covina Brethren Church

WORKSHOPS

Special Feature at WMC Conference

AUGUST 15, 1962

2:00 p.m. GRACE CAMPUS

President's Confab—Mrs. Neva Schlange
Project Forum—Mrs. Vernon Schrock
Your Vital Statistics—Mrs. Robert Ashman
—Mrs. Williard Smith
The Heart of WMC—Miss Isobel Fraser
Improvement of Meetings—Mrs. Gerald Polman
SMM at Work—Mrs. Ted Henning
The Home Front Picture—Brother Lester Pifer
Our Foreign Outlook—Brother Clyde Landrum
WANTED—At least one representative from each district in each workshop.

PEN POINTER NEWS

When your *new officers* meet to plan the work of the year, be sure to use the Pen Pointer "How To," which gives the duties of all officers and committee chairmen.

The Program Committee will want to note the suggestions given—let us have the BEST WMC programs we have ever had. It takes a bit of planning—use every method possible to give color to your meetings.

The Membership Committee might be surprised to read what an important work there is for this committee to do. Read all about it in "How To."

TO THE NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—You should study Pen Pointer "Pattern" and thoroughly come to understand the connection between the local, district and national WMC.

Mrs. Leo Polman



KEEP LOOKING UP

My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.
Psalms 5:3

Look unto me and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else (Isa. 45:22). There is only one way to be saved and that is God's way. There is only one place to find His way and that is in God's Word, the Bible. It is the only Book in the entire world that tells a sinner how to be saved from his sin.

I have lived among Jewish people all my life and I've often wondered why they couldn't see Jesus as their Messiah and Saviour when the Old Testament so plainly says so. After all, Jesus was a Jew and the Bible was written by Jewish men—prophets, inspired of God.

One of my friends recently invited me to her temple. I was happy to accept her invitation. Maybe I would find out why Jewish people didn't want anything to do with Jesus. This is what happened:

Step 1. Get permit.

Jewish children must pay for their Sunday-school education. A visiting child must have a permit to attend. I went to the office for a permit and there, behind a desk, was a neighbor.

"Why Diane," she said, "what are you doing here?"

I told her I was visiting, but she still looked surprised as she wrote out my permit. You see, she knows my parents are missionaries to the Jewish people.

HOW TO GO TO A TEMPLE IN EIGHT EASY STEPS



By Diane Button

Step 2. Worship Service.

The temple I attended is located in Hollywood. It is very large and beautiful, and many people were there. No one seemed to have a Bible. My friend showed me around and told me some movie stars belonged to this temple. Then we went to the junior high department where we sang Jewish songs. After this, the Ark was opened. The Ark is where they keep the Scrolls. These Scrolls contain the Word of God and are very colorful. They are hand written and covered with beautifully embroidered velvet. The Ark contains three very large, heavy Scrolls and some smaller ones used for the children. Two boys opened the doors and a girl lifted out the small middle one, holding it gently in her arms as though it were a baby. This girl read a small portion of the Scroll in Hebrew and then returned it to the Ark after the Rabbi had blessed the reading. It was a very solemn ceremony.

My friend was to bring the sermon of the morning. She told us her story was not from the Bible but was Jewish tradition. It was the story of Abraham's father's idols and how he loved them. There was nothing said about God's Word.

I met many of the boys and girls who attended my school. They were all surprised to see me. Some of the boys sent me notes asking if I intended to change my religion.

Step 3. Baby naming.

A baby was named in this part of the worship service. When a Jewish child is born, it is given two names. One name is for use in the world and the other is the Hebrew name for use in the synagogue. The Rabbi read the regular name first and then

the child's Jewish name. He said he hoped she would be blessed by having a great name in Jewish history and have a high place in the synagogue. Then he held her high in the air so we could all see her. After this, her parents carried her out to receive the certificate and to pay the five dollar fee. This fee is posted in the entrance to the synagogue along with others, so everyone knows exactly how much a service costs. As I watched this service, I couldn't help thinking that unless someone tells her about the Lord Jesus that little child will be lost forever. How I hope the Lord Jesus will use me to tell such little ones about himself and His Salvation!

Step 4. Recess.

After the worship service, we were allowed to go to the entrance of the temple. Here we found a complete gift shop. The teen-agers all bought candy bars. I asked my friend why she broke the Sabbath in this way and she just laughed and said it was a very modern temple. Jewish people say they keep the law (The Ten Commandments) but they don't seem to do a better job of it than anyone else. Their alibi seems to be that God *understands* when they break the law. I agree with them about this. That is the reason He sent His Son to die for us—because He knew it was *impossible* for us to keep the law. My friend says she makes "mistakes," but she's not really a sinner because God *understands*. I'm so glad He *did* understand and that I don't have to be afraid anymore because I have Jesus as my Saviour.

Step 5. Hebrew School.

We spent the next hour learning the Hebrew language. This was very constructive but hardly spiritual. There were no Bibles here, either.

Step 6. Recess again. More candy. Still no Bibles.

Step 7. Social Studies (traditional history of the Jewish people).

This class lasted two hours. We learned about Hitler and how many Jewish people he killed. There were no Bibles.

Step 8. Temple over.

Three hours of worship service and not one Bible. Not one Bible truth was discussed. One passage of Scripture had been read in Hebrew consisting of about three verses. When God's Word is not taught, people cannot learn about God. Now that I have visited the temple, I can understand why my Jewish friends are so ignorant of the written Word of God. I have also been impressed with the responsibility we have as young people to give this Word out to our friends. I know He wants us to be real testimonies for Him so that we might win some of these lost ones to Him. I'm sure the Lord Jesus doesn't want part-time helpers —He wants us to be ready and willing to work for Him twenty-four hours a day wherever we are—at home, at school, and on the street. After this visit, I really realize how precious my Bible is and how gracious God was to me to save me from my sin. It is a privilege my Jewish friends do not have.

SMM Editor's Note . . .

Thank you, girls and patronesses, for your thoughtful questions to "Amy." I'm sure you appreciate her fine work as much as we do. Mrs. Etling, wife of Dr. Harold H. Etling, has been a faithful servant of the Lord for many years. Mrs. Etling, your up-to-date, practical advice has been very helpful.



Mrs. Harold H. Etling

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PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAY that the new national officers will soon learn their duties and will perform them well.

PRAY that all the offerings will be sent on time and that every financial goal will be met—nationally and locally.

PRAY for each girl of your group that together you will have a year in which every girl knows Jesus personally and desires to know Him better.

PRAY that your patronesses and assistants will be well pleasing to God through service to Him for His glory.

PORTIS, KANSAS—A big picnic is planned by the girls. This will be a treat for them and even the college girls are invited. All will help in tying the baby quilts that will be sent to New Mexico.

ELKHART, INDIANA—At the Grace Brethren Church the middler SMM has had a wonderful year. They contributed to the WMC missionary chest by putting toys and clothing in especially for the missionary children. They had a dinner at the home of their patroness where she and the assistant patroness helped each girl with her table manners. After dinner the girls were quizzed on dining etiquette. The girls became "postman" at Christmas. They delivered greetings to different members of their church. They even received postage money which was sent to the National SMM treasurer for "Operation Expense."

MARTINSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA—The Junior SMM planned and served a luncheon for their June meeting. They elected officers and had a very fine program.

NORTH ENGLISH, IOWA—At Christmastime the girls made fruit baskets for the sick. They even made "cheer pills" to give them. These are special pills with Bible verses rolled inside gelatin capsules. A special party is planned for July to celebrate the completion of their goals.

ALTOONA, PENNSYLVANIA—The Junior SMM has had a large attendance for each devotional meeting with an average of seventeen. At the June meeting, they had a weiner roast which was fun and relaxing.

OSCEOLA, INDIANA — The Senior group have completed their goals. At one meeting they did the map goal and at another their bandages. Tracts were arranged attractively on a large platter with each girl taking only two a month. Handing out these tracts became very special to each girl. At Christmas they made candy and cookies, put them in colorful boxes, and gave them to the College students.

BEAVER CITY, NEBRASKA—The juniors took a missionary trip. They met Miss Habegger at Lexington when she was returning east, and had dinner there at a nice restaurant. They visited and sang with a shut-in before leaving that city. They sang all the way home and played "Bible Category" to review their knowledge of the Scripture. Their reporter says: "It was voted our best outing!"

NOOZ FROM YOOZ

DENVER, COLORADO—In October the Middlers had a Halloween Party. In December with the Juniors they visited a nursing home to sing carols and take boxes of cookies.

MANSFIELD, OHIO—The Senior SMM of the Woodville Grace Brethren Church had a Valentine Party honoring their 1961 adopted mothers and special guests. They have given love gifts of ten dollars to their organist, Mrs. Leon Myers, to purchase organ music and thirteen dollars to Missionary Pauline Swartzwalder. A picnic-swimming party was planned for July to welcome all the new Seniors.

MEYERSDALE, PENNSYLVANIA—The Senior SMM of the Summit Mills Brethren Church planned, prepared, and served a tea for the Senior WMC following their monthly meeting.

WATERLOO, IOWA—The junior girls had a real birthday party for the benefit of the birthday offering. There was a candle-decorated table with plenty of cupcakes.

ATTENTION PLEASE!

Remember to send in all back offerings as soon as possible since many of the goals were not met.

If you have not received your new 1962-63 program packet, write to the National Literature Secretary immediately, in care of the National Youth Office.

Any goals not ordered should be ordered immediately.

If you do not receive your awards by the middle of September, send your order to the National Literature Secretary.

SUGGESTED PROGRAM FOR SEPTEMBER

Bible Study:
"Keep Looking Up . . . in Salvation"

Memory Verse:
Isaiah 45:22

Emblem:
Lord Jesus

Mission Study:
"Looking to Jesus . . . in Jewish Work"

Newsmakers

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WHEATON, ILL. Rev. and Mrs. John P. Burke announce the arrival of little Miss Bonnie Lynn Burke born June 9. Brother Burke is pastor of the Grace Brethren Church here.

PALMYRA, PA. Edward Lewis assumed his new duties as pastor of the Grace Brethren Church here on July 16. There were 90 people in attendance at the prayer meeting on July 18. Brother Lewis also reports the blessings on his former ministry at the First Brethren Church, Buena Vista, Va. The statistics concerning his eight and one-half years ministry are: 11,235 calls, 421 conversions, 2,493 rededications, 74 babies dedicated, 249 baptisms, 78 funerals, 21 weddings and 271 new members received into the church.

LONG BEACH, CALIF. Dr. Charles Maves has been called to serve the First Brethren Church for the 17th year. Arrangements have been made by the church to provide a bus for young people desiring to attend National Brethren Youth conference at Winona Lake. The trip will take two weeks and the total cost for meals, lodging, transportation, and the week at Camp Bethany will be $125. Capacity bus load is 24 with 17 reservations already received by July 22.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Rev. and Mrs. Robert Burns, 4907 Arrowhead Blvd., Kokomo, Ind. Rev. and Mrs. Robert L. Firl, 5479 N. Temple City Blvd., Temple City, Calif. Rev. and Mrs. Edward Lewis, 237 W. Cherry St., Palmyra, Pa. Rev. C. S. Zimmerman, 5035 Longmore Ct., Dayton 24, Ohio. Tel. 233-7711.

FREMONT, OHIO. The guest speaker at Grace Brethren Church on July 29 was Rev. Joseph L. Gingrich of Seville, Ohio.

PHILADELPHIA, PA. Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, president of Grace Seminary and College, presented messages on prophecy at the First Brethren Church on July 15. Robert Griffith is pastor.

GOSHEN, IND. Grace Brethren Church closed VBS with a special service conducted by Rev. and Mrs. Bob Collitt on July 20. There were 31 decisions for Christ at that service. R. Paul Miller, pastor.

CHICO, CALIF. "Let's rest! Boys!" This is Chief Ranger Sid Smith's request after that long hike with some of the boys of the newly organized Stockade No. 1918 of the Grace Brethren Church. Charter Day was held on Father's Day with a brief service during the regular morning worship service. Chief Ranger



Smith reports 20 boys on the roll and many of these are new contacts for the church.

Stockade No. 1918 has four other Rangers to help guide these boys into Christian leadership and learning, and these are: Bob Newton, Frank McCandless, Dean Yeater, and Pastor Arthur L. Pekarek.

MANSFIELD, OHIO. James Cook, asst. pastor at Grace Brethren Church, has announced his retirement from the ministry. Brother Cook has faithfully served in ten pastorates over a period of forty-nine years. Evan Adams, who recently completed ten years as superintendent of the Brethren Navajo Mission and is now serving with Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship in California, was the guest speaker here on July 22. R. Paul Miller, Jr., is pastor.

ANKENYTOWN, OHIO. A district WMC rally was held at the First Brethren Church July 23 with Mrs. Bruce Button, Brethren missionary to the Jews of Los Angeles, Calif., as the special speaker.

BERNE, IND. Bruce Button, Brethren missionary to the Jews of Los Angeles, Calif., was the guest speaker at Bethel Brethren Church on Aug. 8. Kenneth E. Russell is pastor.

CLEVELAND, OHIO. Edward Miller, a Brethren missionary on furlough from Brazil and a former member of the First Brethren Church here, showed pictures of his work in Brazil on July 22. Clair Brickel, pastor.

ROANOKE, VA. Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Lowery, workers at the Brethren Navajo Indian mission in Cuba, N. Mex., were guest speakers at the Washington Heights Brethren Church on July 15. Vernon Harris, pastor.

TAOS, N. MEX. For the fifth consecutive year young people from the Brethren Mission of Taos, N. Mex. have been chosen by the staff of Taos High School to attend either New Mexico Boy's State or Girl's State. This year Miss Eleanor Mares and Miss Carmen Varos of The Brethren Church were chosen to attend Girl's State, according to Rev. Sam Horney, pastor of the Canon Brethren Church.

LANCASTER, PA. A summer communion service was held at the Grace Brethren Church on July 18 with 65 people in attendance. On July 25 a baptismal service was conducted with 18 persons being baptized. William F. Tweeddale is pastor.

AKRON, OHIO. The average VBS attendance for two weeks at the First Brethren Church, Akron, Ohio was 183. There were 212 present for the closing program on July 20. Russell Ogden is pastor.

PHOENIX, ARIZ. Charles Ashman, Jr., pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, has announced his resignation as pastor which is to be effective in October. Future plans are indefinite.

WINONA LAKE, IND. Dr. Orville Jobson desires to purchase two copies of the book "Undaunted Hope" by Dr. Florence N. Gribble. These are now out of print. Correspond directly with Dr. Jobson, Box 588, Winona Lake, Ind., if you are able to supply this need.

Additional News: Back Page

Christians Need a Mountaintop Experience

(LUKE 9:28)

"He [Christ] took Peter and John and James, and went up into a mountain to pray."

It was often the custom of the Lord and His disciples to retire from the countryside to the hills for prayer. This particular time was one of unusual happenings. What took place helped the disciples, Peter, James, and John, to grasp what the Lord had been telling them about His death, burial, and resurrection.

Christ's disciples must have had some real eye-opening thrills as they watched Jesus perform such wonderful miracles daily. They must have been amazed beyond comprehension at the power His person played upon the people. But this transfiguration scene must have eclipsed all previous experiences—so much so that they told no one until after the resurrection, as they were commanded. It was so unique that they didn't want to leave the place of physical and spiritual elevation.

We as Christian people can also experience the spiritual thrill of rising to mountain heights with our wonderful Lord. There we can see Him interceding continually in our behalf before the throne of God; there we can see Him, not as just another man, a great and famous personage, or just a miracle-worker, but the divine Son of God. There we can behold Him in all the brilliance and splendor of His glory.

These disciples had known the Lord for some time, but they had not seen anything like this. Nor did they dream it could be possible. They had been taught and told, but it had not penetrated very far. It took a prayer meeting on top of a mountain to burn in these realities.

Christ took these men and "went up into a mountain to pray." They did not need exercise, but prayer. They did not need just solitude, but altitude. They needed to rise above the cares and problems of the world and everyday living. And how effective it was!

This same Christ continually desires that His disciples of today separate themselves for such times of prayer. He longs to have them meet with Him for secret mediation; this is where the great truths of Scripture become living certainties.

Too many Christians have never availed themselves of this practical and precious privilege. The reason



By Rev. Vernon J. Harris
Pastor, Washington Heights Brethren Church, Roanoke, Virginia

they cannot "walk and not faint," or "run and not be weary" is because they have never "mounted up with wings as eagles." No wonder so many professed Christians are always in a rut. No wonder their lives are one continual problem after another. No wonder circumstances keep them depressed, discouraged, and weighted down in the bottom of the valley. In such a state of spiritual affairs every little thing looks so big. The mistakes and faults of others are all that can be seen. This is the breeding-ground for nearly every church trouble.

Climb the mountainside, my brother, my sister, where you will see yourself and your own personality apart from any other surroundings. There you will get a bird's-eye view of the valley, and most important of all, a God's-eye view of yourself.

From an airplane the mountains and valleys tend to level out, ugly things take on beauty, thistles and thorns blend in with the geometric arrangements of the fields, and muddy rivers look like beautiful ribbons placed by the Master Hand. Then as the aircraft lands in the valley below, the observer cannot help but say: "It was good for me to have been there." He has a new appreciation for the landscape and the everyday tasks which God has given in His vineyard.

It was from the pinnacle of Pike's Peak that Katherine Lee Bates wrote the words for that immortal song, "America the Beautiful." While flying in an open airplane, Merv Rosell wrote the words for the chorus, "Above the Clouds the Sun Is Always Shining."

Much of the success, growth, and spiritual power of the Maranatha Bible Conference is attributed to its emphasis on this kind of prayer. There it is literally possible to climb the hillside to meditate with the Lord. A prayer tower has been erected on the highest point overlooking beautiful Lake Michigan. Large numbers exert themselves daily to meet with their prayer-hearing and prayer-answering God.

In such surroundings, nothing manmade can blur your vision of God's creation. There nothing can distract from the reading of God's Holy Word. There nothing can stop the hungry soul on bended knees from feasting on the transcendent glory and majesty of our risen, glorified Lord. Then will "the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know . . . the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power." Then you will realize, as never before, that you are in the world, but not of the world; a servant in the world, but not a slave ot it.

Our souls need to breathe daily the fresh, pure, exhilarating air that blows on the mountaintop of prayers with Christ our Lord. So, let us "lift [up our] eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh [our] help."



By Rev. Dean Risser

Pastor, Graceview Brethren Church
Pompano Beach, Florida

A NEW INTERPRETATION OF DANIEL 7

A recent study of Daniel uncovered things that I had never noticed before in previous studies. These things puzzled me, but I kept studying and tried to make some sense out of them. These "discoveries" led me to an interpretation different from the standard evangelical position. However, these newly-noticed items did not take anything away from the standard interpretation, but added to it. Neither did they take away from premillennial, pretribulational position that I hold.

I discussed this portion of Scripture with others whose judgment I trust, and found both agreement and disagreement. This study, after several months of further digging and thought, is written out so you may examine it for yourself and come to your own conclusions. I am not championing a cause, or preaching a crusade, unless it be that of serious Bible study under the ministry of the Holy Spirit. If I am wrong I want to know it. Also, I would like to challenge other Bible students to a fresh study of the Book of Daniel.

There are several clues, or keys, that led me to a different interpretation from the standard one. You are invited to examine these clues for yourself and weigh them. This article is not written to bring you to my conclusions, but simply to show why I was led to them.

Daniel 7:1. This vision was given to Daniel in the first year of Belshazzar, Nebuchadnezzar having been dead about nine years (according to Dr. John C. Whitcomb). The Babylonian Empire, which scholars call the Neo-babylonian Empire, was almost at an end. In a few years the Medes and the Persians would topple the great empire of Babylon.

Daniel 7:2 to 8. The four beasts which emerge from the sea (of humanity) may in some way represent the same four kingdoms as the great image of Daniel 2, but the same four beasts also represent great kingdoms of the end time. In fact, a news commentator stated locally that David Ben-Gurion of Israel refers to present-day nations by their symbols:

Lion—England and the United Kingdom
Eagle—The United States
Bear—Communist Russia and its satellites

The leopard, in my judgment, would be Africa and Southwest Asia, while we all understand the terrible beast to be revived Rome. The Scriptural account of these beasts is a good commentary on today's nations, such as Russia and the bear. Identifying the leopard with Africa and Mohammedan lands, however, means sticking my neck out. But it doesn't take much imagination to see the potential in an awakening Africa, or the great impact that Islam, or Mohammedanism, is making on Africans.

Daniel 7:11-12. The four great beasts are seen here to arise one after another from the sea of humanity until they all exist together at the same time. As each beast arises it does not destroy the previous beast, although enmities would exist as in common among wild beasts. When the fourth beast is destroyed by the Son of Man, the first three beasts are permitted to continue living without their dominions. This must mean that all four beasts exist together till the fourth is destroyed.

Contrast this with Daniel 2:35 in which all four kingdoms are destroyed together. The first three "image-kingdoms" seem different from the first three "beast-kingdoms" in view of what happens to them at the setting up of the kingdom of the Son of Man.

History tells us that the Persian, Greek, and Roman empires each in turn destroyed the preceding empire, although some influences, such as language remained.

The dominion of all four of the "beast-kingdoms" is taken away, but the lives of the first three beasts are spared. Their dominions were taken away by Christ at His coming, indicating that until the time of His glorious appearing all four beasts had dominions.

Daniel 7:17. Here the interpreta-

tion of these four beasts is given. "These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, that *shall* arise out of the earth." The angelic being told Daniel that all four of these kings (or kingdoms, cf. v. 23) belong to the future. That eliminates the standard interpretation of Nebuchadnezzar as the lion, for he has been dead nine years. The lion is a future kingdom to appear on the earth.

Note that the text does not say that all four of these kingdoms are worldwide, but simply that they are great kingdoms. Coming down to Daniel 7:23 we find that the fourth is different from the first three, and is a world-kingdom. "The fourth beast shall be a fourth kingdom upon the earth, which shall be diverse [different] from all the kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces." It seems that the very difference between the fourth kingdom and the first three is that the fourth is a world-kingdom, while the others are not.

Daniel 11:40 to 44. The four end-time kingdoms represented by the four beasts compares favorably with this passage in Daniel 11. When we use the American Standard Version, we see the efforts of "the king" (11:36) to subdue the king of the South (Africa), and an alliance between the king of the North and eastern powers as they try to conquer him. Instead, they are overthrown and subjected, possibly in fulfillment of Daniel 7:24 where the little horn puts down three kings.

This chapter tells us that in the time of the end two great forces shall oppose Antichrist—the king of the North and the king of the South. These forces must be of some size to try to conquer this king. It is no strain to see Russia as the king of the North, especially when we see in 11:44 that he is helped by an eastern power, probably China. The king of the South used to be identified with the United Kingdom, but many are of the opinion this king will represent Africa. That continent is an awakening giant, and logical contender for "king of the South." These two kings can further be identified as the bear and the leopard of Daniel 7.

(To be continued)

• A Brethren Pastor's Opinion—

The Supreme Court Is Right

BY RUSSELL OGDEN

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I have read and reread everything available to me on the subject of the Supreme Court's decision against the prescribed prayer of the New York Board of Regents, and I must confess that I do not find in all the verbiage a just reason for the furor it has aroused.

As observed by David Lawrence, editor of U. S. News and World Report: "The Supreme Court of the United States, in a 6-to-1 decision, has barred 'official' prayers in public schools. But it hasn't barred prayer."

It has only barred the Board of Regents of New York State from imposing upon its school system the daily recitation of an innocuous sentence of twenty-two words which does nothing more than amplify the phrase, "In God we trust." The ruling is not even against the prayer itself, which can still be used by any school in New York or any other state if the local authorities choose to use it.

The ruling is only against the principle of government agencies composing stated forms of prayer and imposing them upon their constituents. This is obviously a religious function, and beyond the pale of Government.

The Supreme Court's decision as written by Justice Hugo Black states specifically that "The First Amendment was added to the Constitution to stand as a guarantee that neither the power nor the prestige of the Federal Government would be used to control, support, or influence the kinds of prayer the American people can say," and that "the business of writing or sanctioning official prayers [should be left] to the people themselves and to those the people choose . . . for religious guidance."

It appears to me that Justice Potter Stewart in his dissent has chosen to miss the main point at issue as have the many Congressmen and religious leaders who have spoken against the Court's decision.

The fear of communism and state-tyranny in our country seems to be giving rise to a whole army of would-be "knights in shining armor" who go charging around the land looking for dragons to slay. In their zeal they can interpret a lizard into a monster.

When there are not even lizards, they dull their lances in jousting each other. Our emotional propensity to panic certainly does not commend our intellectual sanity.

I agree with those who believe that our country is drifting toward tyranny and away from freedom. I agree that the Supreme Court is in a position to rule away our freedoms from us through its interpretations or misinterpretations of our laws.

I am alarmed at the attitude expressed by Justice William O. Douglas toward abolishing every semblance of religion, whether it appears overtly or only by innuendo, from every agency and function of our Government. But I do not agree that the ruling on New York's school prayer has been an infringement upon religious freedom.

I favor prayers composed and approved by the people who use them, not handed down by a hierarchy whether ecclesiastical or secular. Prayer in this manner has not been affected at all by the Supreme Court decision here under discussion. Rather, the right to pray according to the dictates of one's personal convictions has been upheld. In this case the Supreme Court is right!

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LOOKING UNTO JESUS



BY EVANGELIST BILL SMITH

"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God" (Heb. 12:1-2).

Let me draw your attention to the opening phrase of verse 2, "Looking unto Jesus," or "Looking unto the Leader and Perfecter of the faith, even Jesus." We are to look to Him as our example and draw from Him support and encouragement. He is to be our goal and standard.

In this act of "Looking," there are two matters I want you to consider. First, Look away from: Second, Look unto.

Look Away From

Implied here in the Bible is the looking away from some things before we are able to look unto Him for that which we desperately need.

Look Away From Fear

Whether you will admit it or not, most of us have fears of one form or another. These fears can be the most destructive thing we can have. There are *social fears*—not keeping up with the Joneses, not being in style, not maintaining the proper status. To some people social climbing is the biggest thing in life, and they will almost bankrupt themselves to gain a proper social standing. There are *physical fears*. People are afraid of dying, afraid of an atomic bomb attack, afraid of cancer or a hundred other things. Our Nation seems nervous, jumpy, sitting on the edge and afraid of what will happen.

Jesus said: "Therefore I say unto you, take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink: nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? For your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things" (Matt. 6:25-26, 32).

Our Lord said we are not to fear: we are not to be anxious: we are not to fret: we are not to worry.

Look Away From Fellow Man

There are hundreds of people who refuse to make a public confession to accept Jesus Christ as Saviour because they are afraid of what their fellow man will say if they confess Him openly. There are Christians who have never laid their lives on the altar for God in complete dedication and devotion because they were afraid of what people would say or think. The Bible says: "The fear of man bringeth a snare" (Prov. 29:25). So often, the standard of man is not the same as the standard of God. Be sure then that you are striving for the standard of God and not for that of man.

Jeremiah, chapter 17 has two striking verses in connection with this teaching:

"Thus saith the Lord; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord. Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is" (vv. 5, 7).

Look Away From Flesh

In the Book of Exodus, God called Moses for a special work. Moses looked to the flesh and said: "I cannot do it." It took Moses forty years to learn that he was nothing. In the New Testament as Peter was walking on the water, he looked to himself and sank beneath the waves.. We cannot, we must not rest on the strength of the flesh, "Our help cometh from the Lord." It is not a question of being qualified but are we called. If God has called you, He will provide that which you need to fulfill the calling.

Look Unto Jesus

Jesus Christ is the greatest person to have ever crossed the pages of the world's history. He has been analyzed more than any other man and yet He is able to say: "Which of you convinceth me of sin?" Our Lord will not change, He is the same, yesterday, today, and forever.

Look to Jesus for Faith

My salvation is not dependent upon my prayers but upon the prayers of Christ. Salvation of a soul is completely based on the finished work of Jesus Christ.

Look to Jesus for Fruit

I learned a long time ago that it is not what I do for the Lord that counts, but what He does through me. We are to preach, teach, and labor faithfully; then trust Him for results.

"He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him" (Ps. 126:6).

A principle to learn is that if we will faithfully proclaim the Word of God, sometime, somehow, somebody is going to get saved.

Wisdom for Katy

By Cathy McClellan, age ten

Katy sat on the front porch thinking about the work the Lord had called them to—the work to the Navajo Indians. "I wish I was old enough to help in this work," she said to herself. She heard her Daddy calling her.

"Coming, Daddy," she called.

"Katy, will you please come with me?" her Daddy asked.

"Where are you going?" inquired Katy.

"Into the back country," replied Daddy.

Katy knew what back country was. It was very rough country that had only horse and wagon trails for roads.

"Sure, I'd be glad to," she said.

"Go get in the jeep," Daddy said.

"O.K.," she said.

It was indeed rough country. And as they bumped along, Katy asked: "Where are we going?"

"To the Werrito hogan."

"Oh," Katy replied. She also knew what a hogan was. It was made with logs and sticks, plastered with mud, and it brought back memories of the time she had stayed in one. She recalled how it was snowing so hard that they needed shelter badly. She remembered how warm and dark and cozy it was. Her memories were jerked aside as she felt the jeep slipping in the mud.

"I knew this would happen sooner or later," Daddy sighed. They both got out and shoveled for what seemed like hours to Katy and finally managed to get out.

As soon as she reached the hogan, she was welcomed with "Ya'at'eeh, Katy."

They went inside and the people gave them some fry bread. Then Katy's daddy told the story of the good Shepherd.

An old man said to Katy: "Come outside and see my little lamb." Katy said a quick prayer for wisdom. Then she talked to the man a long time about Jesus' love and how to be saved.

"How much does it cost," the old man asked.

"Nothing," said Katy.

Back inside the hogan, the man knelt beside Daddy and asked Jesus to come into his heart.

Katy was happy as she got back into the jeep. So happy that she laughed when they got stuck and had to dig the jeep out again. God had answered her prayer, her prayer for wisdom.

My friend, if you have not accepted Jesus Christ, your heart is as black and sinful as a heathen. You say: "Oh, those poor Navajo people." My friend, you are a poor person if you are without Christ. Why not open your heart and accept Him? You will never regret it.

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DATELINE



WATERLOO, IOWA. The Grace Brethren Church entered its new sanctuary for the first time on July 25. Arnold Kriegbaum, a former pastor, delivered the message on this occasion, and the Heralds of Grace quartet ministered in music.

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA. Roy Dice, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church has resigned as pastor effective Aug. 20. Future plans include teaching in the public school and pursuing further education.

FORT WAYNE, IND. Rev. Tom Julien and family, who recently returned on furlough from missionary work in France, were visitors at the Grace Brethren Church July 29. Brother Julien was the former pastor of this church. Glen Crabb is the present pastor.

WATERLOO, IOWA. Jesse Deloe, Jr., assistant pastor and music director at Grace Brethren Church, announced his resignation which is effective Sept. 1. He plans to go back into the field of education with further preparation leading to teaching in the Christian college field. John Aeby accepted the call to serve the church as pastor for his sixth year.

ROANOKE, VA. Vernon J. Harris, pastor of the Washington Heights Brethren Church for seven years, presented his resignation to the church on July 12. He has accepted a call to pastor the Fairlawn Brethren Church, Akron, Ohio.

ALEXANDRIA, VA. Dr. George Miles, president of the Washington Bible College and Capitol Bible Seminary, was the guest speaker at the Commonwealth Avenue Brethren Church on July 22. John J. Burns, pastor.

NOTICE: Conference delegates traveling on Indiana Route 6 from the east should plan to avoid the detour which begins about ten miles east of Indiana Route 15. A change in route is advisable.

DAYTON, OHIO. Chaplain Orville A. Lorenz, a former pastor of the First Brethren Church, was the guest speaker here Aug. 19. Chaplain Lorenz is now stationed at Fort Hood, Tex.

CAMDEN, OHIO. The First Brethren Church unanimously called Frank H. Gardner to continue as pastor for another year with an increase in salary. There were 19 decisions made during the July VBS, and 167 present at the closing program.

TAOS, N. MEX. When Rev. and Mrs. Robert Williams, Brethren missionaries to Africa, were recently visiting the Brethren Mission here, a half hour interview was granted them over Radio Station KKIT of Taos, over the Women's Club of the Air. Pastor Horney reports a wide-open door to the Gospel in Taos. A daily radio program "Chapeltime" is aired at 8:05 following the news as well as a "Morning Devotion" 15-minute program every Tuesday at 8:45 a.m. There is an estimated listening audience of 15,000 to 20,000.

WASHINGTON, D. C. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Pennington of the First Brethren Church who celebrated 54 years of married life July 9.

YORK, PA. The Grace Brethren Church, Herman W. Koontz, pastor, held a one-week evening VBS in June. The addition of an adult class proved very successful. Average attendance for the week was 177.

WHEATON, ILL. Richard Kriegbaum, son of Rev. and Mrs. Arnold Kriegbaum, was elected to be the music and youth director at Grace Brethren Church. He will assume his duties on Sept. 1. John Burke is pastor.

ASHLAND, OHIO. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. George Baker of Grace Brethren Church who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary July 16.

DAYTON, OHIO. Jack Moore has been called to serve as assistant pastor of the North Riverdale Brethren Church. Russell Ward is pastor.

BOSTON, MASS. Dr. H. A. Hoyt, president of Grace Seminary and College; R. Wayne Snider, Grace College faculty member; Earle Peer, member of Grace schools board of trustees; and Russell H. Dunlap, a consultant from the RCA Corporation in Boston, will represent Grace College at the Council for Advancement of Small Colleges Workshop at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Aug. 6-10. The theme of this workshop is "Environment for Learning," which will deal specifically with building and facilities on college campuses.

Wedding Bells

Announcements in this column are published when sent in by a pastor.

Nancy Yocum and Norman Hunsberger, June 17, Leesburg Brethren Church, Leesburg, Ind.

Margaret Ann Ramey and Aybrey Blye, June 23, First Brethren Church, Winchester, Va.

Eileen Avery and Terry Kirkpatrick, July 6, at the Grace Brethren Church, York, Pa.

Carolyn Jo Taylor and Lector E. Orrick, Jr., July 14, at the First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Sharon Hinmon and Marvin Husted, July 27, at First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

June Findly and David Bond, July 28, at First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Carol Ann Barron and Robert Halliwell, July 28, at the First Brethren Church, Middlebranch, Ohio.

Sandra Carlene Simpson and Timothy Hugh Farner, July 27, of the Grace Brethren Church, Toppenish, Wash.

Joyce Ann Simmons and Donald G. Farner, Aug. 3, at the View Ridge Brethren Church, Seattle, Wash.

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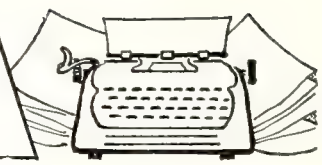
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Editorials

By L. L. Grubb



How About Another Little Chat on Home Missions?

Do you have about five minutes to spare—NOW?

No doubt, you remember our first home-mission chat. In the March Issue of the Brethren Missionary Herald we talked about the ridiculously high cost of church locations today. We showed you that in Westminster, California, it would be necessary to spend $46,850 on property alone, together with the improvements, before even getting into a church building. Many of you talked to us and wrote to us about this and we really appreciated hearing from you. Several said they had no idea that costs for church locations were so high.

But there is another question that constantly faces us and one which our friends ask occasionally.

Why Don't Our Home-Mission Churches Grow Faster?

Some home-mission churches grow faster than others, which depends on the location and the circumstances. Some new churches have a very difficult time and grow slower than others.

No doubt you belong to some local church. It might help to ask: "Why doesn't your church grow faster?" Older churches do not grow faster for some of the same reasons new churches do not grow as they should. But in a new church some of these factors are more important.

It is difficult to develop a new church without proper building. We must start by holding meetings somewhere. Maybe it will be a school, YMCA, former tavern, old grocery store, a firehouse, somebody's home, and so forth. Unfortunately, there are some Christians, even Brethren Christians, who will not attend meetings in such places, even to help us start a new church. This makes things pretty hard because you can't get a new church building until you have more people. How do you think unbelievers feel about going into a former grocery store to hear a strange message and meet with strange people? Can you have a little sympathy for them?

If we stay in temporary quarters with a new church more than one year, we have found by experience that the growth becomes more difficult each day. People want to go to church in a *church building*. It does not have to be a cathedral. But, it must be a church! Can you have a little sympathy for an unbeliever, even in this?

Then sometimes the Lord overrules all obstacles and the church grows as it has in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. In about fifteen months the Sunday school went from nineteen to a peak attendance of 187. The church is meeting now in the Lancaster Poultry Center and will be forced to leave this building soon. Yet, we cannot help this growing church get into its desperately needed building because funds are not available. In such cases growth often "boomerangs." Newer people and good prospects become discouraged and stop attending because of lack of facilities. Then to get the church back to its normal rate of growth again sometimes is impossible. This is a real problem and not easy to solve. However, the Brethren Home Missions Council should be able to help these new churches in either case. This is our job.

Again, starting a new church always involves a need for leadership. Where do you get the Sunday-school teachers and other officers for a new church? How do you get a pastor? Anybody knows you cannot have growth in a new church without leadership.

Every church should have a pastor! This is God's will. The Bible teaches this. The church will not grow otherwise.

It seems that not many young men are going into the ministry these days. They say it pays too little and you have too many problems. Life is too short for this. We wonder why young men today do not seem to get the kind of "call" men seemed to get when we were called to the ministry. When God called, there was just nothing else in life to do. One could not avoid turning his life over to the Lord. Can it be that we are not challenging young men from the Word as we should? Maybe we are not praying enough that the Lord would thrust forth laborers into the harvest field. We cannot build churches without pastors.

But then very often we are faced with this problem. The pastor and his family are ready to pioneer a new church. But we cannot help the little group pay his salary. Shall we criticize this pastor for not selling magazines, getting an office job, and so forth, to make a living, and build the church as sort of side issue? Hardly! Yet here is a situation we face more and more. This is your problem as well as ours. What shall we do about it?

How many people are willing to migrate for Christ to help supply lay leadership for a new church? Would

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COVER PHOTO—HOME MISSION ISSUE



The remodeled Grace Brethren Church, Albuquerque, New Mexico—an example of a "Do It Yourself" building program.











Top: A side view showing the new addition extending beyond the edge of the original building. Center: Two sections of a recent service. Bottom: Rev. and Mrs. Robert Salazar with their daughter, and the Albuquerque choir.

"DO IT YOURSELF"

says the Spanish-American Church in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

"Do it yourself" means something to the Brethren in Albuquerque! A brand new addition to the church, 600 square feet to be exact, with all bills paid, proves the point. For these people the days of pioneering are not past.

A young man was saved in our Taos (N. Mex.) church. He grew in the Lord and dedicated his life for service. Miraculously the Lord provided for the Bible education of this young man in the Bible Institute of Los Angeles. After graduation he returned to Albuquerque and became pastor of our Spanish-American Church. But, in the process he met a fine young woman who was attending our Brethren church in Everett, Pennsylvania. As they often do, this situation developed so that the pastor returned with his wife.

For three action-filled years Robert and Marilyn Salazar have toiled and sacrificed in their mission field. The results have been gratifying and God-glorifying. Upon arrival in their new field of service the church began to grow at once. Attendance increased until more building space and Sunday-school rooms were needed. Offerings also began to show an increase.

Through the leadership of their pastor the church decided to go ahead and build on a "pay-as-you-go," "do-it-yourself" basis. The members and friends gave to buy cement blocks, mortar, wood, nails, and so on. Then the men rolled up their sleeves and molded the materials they bought into a fine addition to their building. (Once when the secretary of the Council arrived unexpectedly, they were "caught" doing the job). As a result today there is more room for all church activities. This is not all! A new auditorium is on the agenda for this church on the same basis.

Best of all the community in north Albuquerque has felt the impact of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and souls have been saved through the faithfulness of these believers.

It is gratifying to see the interest of our Brethren churches in the Spanish-American Mission. The Grace Brethren Church in Everett, Pennsylvania, and others have generously assisted in Albuquerque. The Brethren Home Missions Council has given some assistance also. But, the main burden of the work has been carried by the local people. Future plans include an indigenous (self-supporting) church. The Albuquerque Brethren deserve and would be glad to receive any special gifts from the Lord's people to help in their future plans for building.

It is amazing what the saints can do when they are willing to assume larger responsibilities through their local church!

Navajo Mission Hosts Midwest District Conference



Top: Two parts of the conference congregation. Center: Chaco Canyon Guide lecturing to the visitors, and Rev. Robert Salazar, moderating the conference. Bottom: Chaco Canyon picnic, and eating in the mission-dining room

Probably the most unusual Brethren district conference held this year was hosted by our Navajo Mission in July. About eighty five people were lodged and more than this fed at each meal during the conference period. The Navajo chapel was filled and overflowing during each session.

Robert Salazar, the pastor of our Spanish-American church in Albuquerque was the moderator. In the services were Navajo Indians, Anglos, Spanish-Americans, and colored people, all having a wonderful time of rejoicing in the Lord and all members of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. (There are only two churches in the Midwest District that are not home-mission churches, and one of these was assisted for some time by the Council. It appears that Brethren people have opened practically a whole new district through their liberality.) How vividly apparent was the power of the Gospel in cutting across all race and color barriers even here in America. How graciously these pastors and their people dealt with each other in transacting the business of the Conference. It was a special dispensation from the Lord just to be present at these sessions.

Navajo Mission Superintendent James McClellan, and his staff did an admirable job in caring for the needs of these scores of people. The school dorms afforded lodging for many. An officially conducted tour of some of the oldest Pueblo Indian ruins (1200 years) in America at Chaco Canyon was greatly enjoyed by a large group. This was followed by a picnic close by in the campground. Angie Garber, heading up the Mission kitchen crew, provided typical Indian fare—mutton stew and fry bread for one meal, and an excellent variety for the others. The school dining room was ideal for this. We are sure that nobody went hungry. The Conference graciously showed its appreciation by giving a liberal offering to the Navajo Mission.

This was a fine opportunity for many people in the Midwest District to see the Navajo Mission operation for the first time. As usual those who visited this work for the first time were amazed at its scope and opportunities.

However, it seems that the Navajo Christians received much of the blessing, for it was the first time they have had the opportunity to return some of the blessing which has come to them from Brethren people.

Our Debt

Yesterday the painted warrior stalked his human prey.
With silent bow he sought revenge that bygone feudal day.
Today, in drunken brawl, he shoots the man who killed his friend,
For still blood is demanded, revenge without an end.
Alas, his vengeance is the same, only rendered worse
By guns and liquor, since acquired, the white man's double curse.
What's done is done. And now amid such ignorance and strife,
Salvation's message we must tell and bring them Christ's new life.

Vivian McClellan

Taos VBS Victories

The 1962 Taos VBS had over 125 enrolled with an average attendance of ninety per day. Celina Mares, one of only five teachers, had forty-eight registered in her pre-school age group. The other teachers included Rev. Sam Horney, Senior High; Mrs. Helen Maestas, Grades 1, 2, 3; Miss Phyllis Horney, Grades 4, 5, and 6; and Mrs. Jake Maestas, Junior High. Brother Horney reports that "It looks like we gained fifteen to twenty new kindergarten students from the VBS."

For a number of years the Taos workers have conducted a VBS at Potcreek, a little lumber mill settlement about fifteen miles southeast of Taos. There are about 200 people living in this remote mountain settlement where there is no church, no store, or no business of any kind expect the mill. The enrollment here was sixty with about fifty attending each day. The children are colored, Anglo, Spanish, and a further mixture but Brother Horney says: "We have no race problem here."

There is not an available building for this VBS and so the various classes meet under different trees. It means the carrying of folding tables, chairs, flannelgraphs, and other equipment for the school. But Brother Horney tells us they are hungry for the Word of God and listen very attentively. It is a thrill to work with them. Pictures of this school arrived too late to be included, for which we are sorry.

Mrs. Sam Horney was unable to help in the VBS this summer because she was taking summer schoolwork in preparation for teaching in the Taos public schools this coming year.



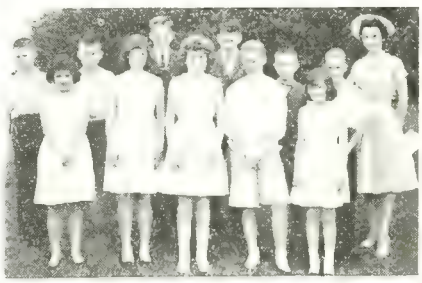
Top down: Celina Mares and her class, the "line up" for the opening service; Helen Maestas and class; Phyllis Horney and class; and Sam Horney and class.

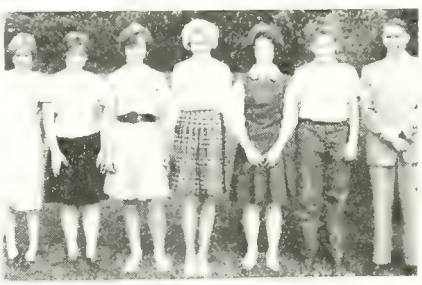
Lancaster, Pennsylvania Faces Location Necessity









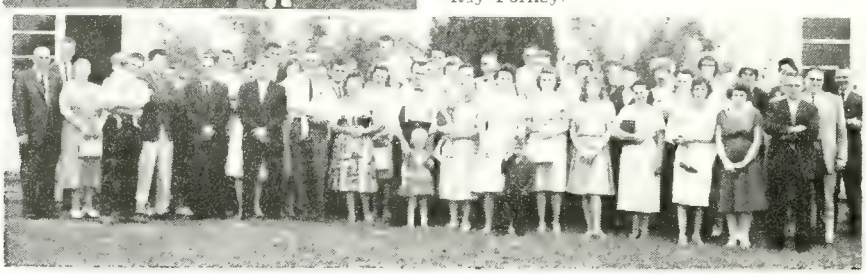








Left top down: Kindergarten, Mrs. Dick Wells, and Mrs. John Lapp; first grade, Mrs. Andrew Fisher; second and third grades, Mrs. Wilda Clift. Right top down: fourth grade, Mrs. Esther Baer; fifth and sixth grade, Mrs. Wm. Tweeddale; junior high girls, Mr. John Lapp; and high school, Mrs. Helen Shonk. Bottom: Adult class, Mr. Ray Forney.



Approximately two years ago a Grace Seminary graduate by the name of Rev. William Tweeddale began a series of messages on Christian duties and responsibilities. In the course of his study and preparation in a non-Brethren church he became engrossed in his study of baptism. After a considerable amount of prayer, deep study, and heart searching, he made a trip to Palmyra, Pennsylvania, the nearest Brethren church, where Rev. Robert Markley was pastor. He informed Brother Markley of his new conviction that trine immersion was the Biblical and proper form of Christian baptism. He made arrangements and was baptized.

At this same time a Bible class at Lancaster sponsored by the Northern Atlantic District Mission Board and taught by Rev. Alva Conner, pastor at Harrisburg, was ready to call a pastor. The call went to Brother Tweeddale, and he accepted this challenge with real faith. Providentially, the Poultry Center, a building with a small auditorium and a few extra rooms, on the north side of Lancaster, became available. See Dr. L. L. Grubb's editorial.

Lancaster is a rapidly expanding city of 278,359 population. The largest growth seems to be in the western and northern areas. We are praying for the clear leading of the Lord for proper location. Because of a new by-pass coming through the western area, it has been extremely difficult to find property available at a moderate price. The urgency of location and construction of a church building is a dire necessity.

Several families from Manheim (approximately seven miles northwest of Lancaster) are now in the process of organizing a new Grace Brethren Church, a branch of our group in Lancaster. This surrounding area, the growth of Lancaster, and the apostasy in some of the churches has created a wide-open door for The Brethren Church. Pray that we may gather the grain while the harvest is ripe.

Home Mission Field Reports

TUCSON, ARIZONA (J. C. McKillen, pastor). The architect is working on plans for a new church building, which should be available for the bidding of contractors this month. *Ground Breaking* should be taking place in early September.

HATBORO, PENNSYLVANIA (William Steffler, pastor). The Lord has been blessing abundantly here. Last Sunday night (July 22) I baptized eight young people from nine to seventeen years, and had two others who were ready but had to postpone their appointment. There are three adults to be baptized next Sunday (July 29) and another fine couple on vacation will be baptized on August 5. A total of twenty-five have come forward in the three months we have been here, and I feel the Lord has manifested His pleasure of our coming to Hatboro.

GALION, OHIO (Charles Thornton, pastor). On July 10 to 13 the director of Child Evangelism, who has been holding four day classes in various towns in our locality using a chapel-on-wheels, held a daily class in our church building with at least ten public decisions for Christ. Some of these are excellent prospects for our Sunday school.

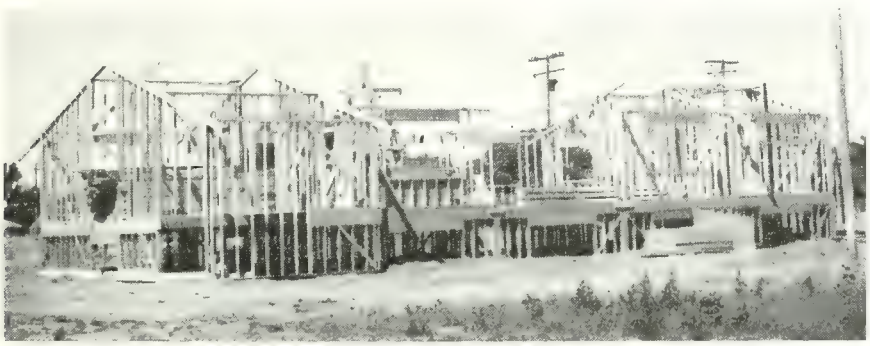
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA (Henry Dalke, pastor). We praise the Lord for six new families who have just started attending the church services on Sunday mornings.

GOSHEN, INDIANA (R. Paul Miller, pastor). Our VBS was not our largest but our best in many respects. We had our Brethren Evangelist, Bob Collitt for the last day and Mrs. Collitt spoke to the children. There were thirty-one decisions that day. We had worked toward this climax and the teachers did a fine job.

WESTMINSTER, CALIFORNIA (Robert Thompson, pastor). Our attendance has continued to run over a hundred. Of recent days the Lord has given us evidence of His grace by a number of decisions. On Sunday, July 15 a baptismal service was held for twelve people, and we have had a number of fine folks join our work from other Brethren churches.

DENVER, COLORADO (Thomas Inman, pastor). On July 1, 1962, Pastor Inman began his tenth year of ministry at Denver Grace Brethren. The Sunday school honored the day with a picket-style parade, and an offering of nearly $550 was received!

AKRON, OHIO (Special). Rev. Vernon Harris, pastor of the Washington Heights Brethren Church, and a veteran Home Missionary has accepted a call to Akron, Ohio, which is his third home-mission church. On or about September 1, 1962, he will become pastor of the Fairlawn Brethren Church, the church started by Dr. R. E. Gingrich. Brother Harris served seven years at his present pastorate.



TOPPENISH, WASHINGTON. The new Grace Brethren Church building of Toppenish is getting well under way. The building looked like the picture in early July. Rev. Don Farner, the pastor and Mr. Lester Keyser are supervising and working on the building.

MOVED?

If you have moved or are planning to move in the near future, *please* notify us at Box 587 and give your correct address. It now costs 8c to get an undelivered piece of mail back in addition to the original postage. You can make a financial contribution to Brethren Home Missions by just dropping us a 3c postal card with your change of address.

GRANDVIEW, WASHINGTON (George Christie, pastor). We praise the Lord for the fine attendance at our midweek prayer service. For the past three weeks we have averaged forty-two or almost a 100 percent increase over the last quarter.

JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA (Special). Rev. Randall Poyner, a 1962 graduate of Grace Theological Seminary, has accepted a call to the Geistown Grace Brethren Church, and began his ministry there on Sunday, August 12, 1962. Rev. Max Fluke the former building supervisor-pastor has accepted a call to a position with Grace Seminary and College in the Maintenance Department and will be moving to Winona Lake, Indiana.

LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA (Wm. Tweeddale, pastor). This past week we had our summer communion and there were sixty-five present. On Wednesday of this week (July 25) we will be having a baptismal service, and there will be about fifteen taking part in this testimony to the death, burial, and resurrection of our Saviour.

ISRAEL CALLS!

Comfort Ye My People **By Isobel Fraser**

"Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God" (Isa. 40:1). There is much need for comfort in Israel today spiritually and physically, and it is wonderful to know that God has also told us how to give them this comfort. The next few verses of Isaiah 40 gave the promise of this comfort but now we have the fulfillment: "Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God. For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ (II Cor. 1:3-5).

A short time ago I attended the Friday evening services at the Temple Isaiah, a reformed Jewish congregation. The rabbi had intended to speak to his people on "The Truth About Terror" but had changed his mind and spoke more along the line of Jewish responsibility to religion and the need in Judaism. First he chided the Jewish people for their lack of interest in religious life. The only time most Jews were in evidence at the temple was at a birth ceremony, the *bar mitzvah* (becoming of age), the wedding, and at death. (I do not believe that this laxity is peculiar to Judaism.) Down through the centuries Judaism has developed. First was the *Tenach* (Old Testament); then had come the *Mishna* (commentary on the Tenach), which was followed by the *Gemorrha* (explanation of the Mishna), and then the *Schulcan Aruch* (Code of Jewish Laws). Judaism needed something—a new system—but it was not necessary to return to the *Schulcan Aruch, Gemorrha,* or *Mishna.* "Judaism," he said, "has thrown out the baby with the bathtub." I could hardly believe my ears. To this I could agree one hundred percent; however, I am certain that he would not agree with what I would say regarding his remark. Yes; Judaism needs something! Not a new system; A *person—Messiah Jesus.* The Babe of Bethlehem they have surely thrown out with the use of Scripture, and have made tradition the basis of their religion. Truly I would comfort them with the message that their iniquity is pardoned and that the Hope of Israel has come and is coming again.

In recent months I have been called upon to minister to Jewish friends in times of bereavement in the death of loved ones. Today I can enter into this sorrow more fully because of the Homegoing of my own brother last February. In a new way I have come to rejoice in my Saviour and in the blessed peace and hope that we have through His death and resurrection. Gladly would I comfort them with that comfort wherewith I have been comforted. Attending one of the funerals, my heart ached as I listened to the rabbi's message, for his only comfort for them was in their fond remembrances and in the "good" this loved one had done. Although Psalm 23 was read, the basis for his consolation and hope was the tradition of the Jewish sages which made the deceased acceptable in eternity because of the "good" she had performed.

"It is good for me that I have been afflicted: that I might learn thy statutes" was David's confession in Psalm 119:71. Our prayer is that this may become the confession and comfort of some to whom we have been ministering. For these your prayers are coveted.

Mr. B— has just recently had a growth removed for his larynx and is now undergoing cobault treatments. Not only has this affliction furthered our opportunities to encourage this man spiritually, but also his wife and daughter. Mrs. B— remarked that she had told a niece that perhaps the only One she could turn to in this time of trouble was the Lord, meaning Jesus.

Mrs. Be— and her husband were involved in an automobile accident several months ago. Both were hurt, but she most seriously. Her main problem now is her vision which has been affected by a blow when her head hit the windshield. As I have called on her and occasionally taken her to the doctor, there have been conversations regarding the Word. One time in particular I found her Bible open on the coffee table. She admitted having been reading it and even acknowledged that when she was alone, she often felt that perhaps Jesus is the Messiah. May her spiritual vision, as well as her physical, be made whole.

Mrs. Br—, a Hebrew Christian, recently underwent surgery, and is recovering rapidly. Our concern here is mainly her husband, and as we have ministered to her and prayed with her, we have found him quite tenderhearted.

Early last fall Mrs. H— had surgery for breast cancer and seems to be improving steadily. She has felt that our prayers have had a part in her improvement. Mrs. H— loves Jesus in her way, but has not come to trust Him as God and Saviour. There is a real need for conviction of sin.

A heart attack is Mrs. R—'s affliction, and when she was in the hospital, she asked her children to have me call. This family has been greatly influenced by Christian Science. One of the daughters tried to persuade me not to talk to her spiritually, but I told her I must. In fact, I pointed out that it was my faith in Christ and my knowledge of the Bible that caused her mother to look to me in this time of trouble. Mrs. R— is much improved physically, but spiritually she is much confused and disturbed by the false teachings she has had. In talking with me about the Bible, she has always been helped and comforted.

She says that the reading of the Bible confuses and disturbs her, so her children seek to discourage her from reading it. Pray for the Lord's working that in the Word she might find comfort and come to the true knowledge of Christ.

Mr. B— is one of the blind men who attend our meetings and seems quite interested and open to the Gospel. Just recently he underwent surgery on his eyes. This has given opportunity to minister again to both him and his wife. Although she does not attend any of our meetings, she has never been antagonistic when the Bible has been discussed.

Very shortly Mrs. Ru—, a blind Jewess, will be operated on to have an eye removed and a false one substituted. Mrs. Ru— has made a profession of faith, but we long to see real evidence of Christ's possession in her life. May this physical suffering bear spiritual fruit in her life.

You can have a share in bringing comfort to His people through prayer for them and for us as we minister to them.

Editorials . . .

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you drive fifty extra miles each Sunday to teach a Sunday-school class in a new church? Is it wrong for us to continue to challenge people to pull up their "roots" and help start new churches by moving into a new community? Trustees in new churches have great responsibilities. Would you be willing to assume these responsibilities to help buy property and construct a new church building? Frankly, it is a very disturbing thing to help start a new church. But a pastor cannot do it without people who are willing to be leaders and willing to pay the price. At the same time, it is one of the greatest thrills in Christian work to see a new church established and developed.

Another thing which hurts the growth of our churches is the way people move these days. Did you move somewhere last year, maybe around the corner, across town, or across the Nation? Each year millions of Americans move to a new location. It often seems to us as if most of them are Brethren! As many as five families may move out of a small home-mission church in a period of three to four months. This is almost a deathblow to the home-mission church, especially if it has just moved into a new building and has assumed financial obligations. It is not easy to replace these families, and often a congregation becomes completely discouraged by such a circumstance. This is when they need some extra help from an organization like The Brethren Home Missions Council. How sad it is also that some of these same Brethren families who move into a new community where there is no Brethren church are lost to us completely. It seems that they might like to start a Brethren church in their new home. But many times we never hear from them again.

Many other factors are involved in the growth of a church. We have chatted about just three of these. Do you see their great importance?

Do you also see why we need your prayers and your gifts?

WHY You Should Invest

IN THE BRETHREN INVESTMENT FOUNDATION

Funds are needed now to purchase new church sites and erect new church buildings.

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NEWS

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ASHLAND, OHIO. Miles Taber, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, has accepted the call from the church to continue as pastor for another year.

NOTICE: Neva L. Neumeister, 3714 Cleveland-Massillon Road, Barberton, Ohio, desires a nice Christian lady to share her private suburban ranch home located near the First Brethren Church of Barberton. Write directly to her for complete details.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Mr. and Mrs. Quentin Matthes, 4340 8th St., Winona, Minn.

ALEXANDRIA, VA. The Commonwealth Avenue Brethren Church, John J. Burns, pastor, has maintained an increase in Sunday-school attendance over the corresponding month of the previous year for thirty-six months. The banner month was March 1962 with an attendance record of 233.

PORTIS, KANS. Hilliard Stewart, pastor of the First Brethren Church here, tendered his resignation as pastor to become effective Sept. 1.

JACKSON, MICH. The newly organized Grace Brethren Church here had its first communion service July 29. There were 20 people who participated in the service. This was the first threefold communion service for some of those present, and many testimonies expressed the blessings of this precious service. Gilbert Hawkins, pastor.

LONG BEACH, CALIF. A successful July VBS was conducted at North Long Beach Brethren Church, George Peek, pastor. There was an average attendance of 441 pupils and 90 helpers in the school. There were 1427 persons in Sunday school July 22.

JOHNSTOWN, PA. Francis Brill has accepted the call to serve as pastor of the Riverside Brethren Church for a three-year term beginning Sept. 2.

MANHEIM, GERMANY. During the first two weeks of July, Capt. Lee D. Burris, a Brethren chaplain, cooperated in a revival campaign here. Dr. Ted Roe of Winona Lake, Indiana, was the campaign speaker. There were many first-time decisions and dedications. The Bible school conducted in the Village Chapel had over 800 in attendance for ten consecutive days.

NORTH ENGLISH, IOWA. Robert Whited, pastor of the Pleasant Grove Grace Brethren Church, accepted a call to continue as pastor for another year with an increase in salary.

CLEAR LAKE, WASH. The Northwest District completed three fine camps here with a total of about 250 campers and staff participating. These were the largest attended camps in the Northwest history. The James Marshall family, missionaries to Argentina; the Grace College male quartet with Dean Arnold Kriegbaum as vesper speaker; and David Hocking, national youth director, were featured at the camping program.

WINCHESTER, VA. Rev. and Mrs. Edward Miller, missionaries to Brazil, showed colored slides of the mission field at the First Brethren Church on July 29.

AKRON, OHIO. Vacation Bible School was held at the Fairlawn Brethren Church, Raymond Gingrich, pastor, during the week of July 23-30. Robert Markley, pastor of the Norton Center Brethren Church was the director of the evening school. Average attendance was 95 with 31 decisions for Christ.

COMPTON, CALIF. The Al Zahlout family presented a special musical concert at the First Brethren Church on July 10. Edwin E. Cashman is pastor.

MANSFIELD, OHIO. James Dickson, Brethren missionary to Puerto Rico, was guest speaker at the Grace Brethren Church on Aug. 5. R. Paul Miller, Jr., is the pastor.

PHOENIX, ARIZ. The Grace Brethren Church arranged a surprise celebration for Pastor and Mrs. Charles Ashman on their 16th wedding anniversary on July 12.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Rev. Jack Green, 1240 S. Amalia Street, Los Angeles, Calif.



TROUT LAKE, MICH.

The Ozark Grace Brethren Church wishes to express appreciation to our summer visitors. This is good vacation country, and some of you have made use of it. Recent attendance figures have been above both last year and last winter. On July 29 we had 99 in Sunday school with a bit over 100 in morning service.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Knepper, recently returned from school in Pennsylvania are directing Junior church for kindergarten through grade 4. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Poirier are serving as Youth directors. Brother Poirier is teaching the young people's Sunday-school class and attendance is running consistantly over last year's enrollment.

Our Sunday school picnic was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Ball who are the parents of the pastor's wife. Mrs. Ball has been bedfast for almost four years. Climax of the picnic was the money tree presented to the pastor in honor of his birthday. The tree was properly harvested with the crop totaling $37. Over 80 persons of all ages attended the picnic.

The painting and varnishing of the auditorium continues this week, and next on the list of improvements is the restrooms which are so desperately needed. We do praise the Lord for His faithfulness and the fellowship of God's people.

—Earl Funderburg, pastor.

THE CONSTRAINING COMMISSION

BY EDWIN RAYMOND ANDERSON

IN a compelling word of arresting summation, the Apostle Paul declared the whole power and orbit of his ministry and service to be linked up to the constraining compulsion of the love of Christ, having been captured by the demonstration of that love, and having been impelled by that love to set forth upon the pathway of service. "The love of Christ constraineth us" (II Cor. 5: 14); therein suggests that whatever one might seek to inquire as to the "secret" of the value of his abundant laborings would be contained within this statement. And it is more than a statement, it is the cry of the heart in praise and worship and adoration unto the grace of the Lord who hath so revealed himself, and so called the servant unto himself for that ministry which would therein be indicated.

Perhaps it might appear as a disappointing "secret" to some who might have expected something of that which might be traced to schooling, to environment, or to the peculiar placing of circumstances. But then, disappointments are quite often "His appointments," and whatever else might go into the molding and making of the servant of Christ, there is no finish nor perfecting unless and until the love of Christ is introduced upon the scene. And even if the servant possesses nothing else, concerning that which may appear to be of essential requirement, it will be quite enough before the Father to be thus encompassed and captured by the love of Christ. This will crown any service with "cloven tongues of fire," and the servant will come to speak "beyond himself" to the hearts of his hearers, and unto the full honor of the Lord. The Apostle made no reference to situations or conditions of the past, although he would not need to be ashamed of his former training, seeing that the Lord utilized it later for His own glory, but rather he was desirous for the supremacy of the love of Christ in the accrediting of his testimony.

This, then, is the overmastering and compelling factor, and unless the servant is fully gripped by it, he shall be barren of that ministry which comes to realistic grips with the souls of men through the powerful acquaintance with the Lord and with the Word of the Lord. "The love of Christ constraineth us," said he, and that word, "constraineth," might well be rendered, "overmasters," or "compels," or "overcomes." It is that love which lays hold upon the heart and works the transformation that shall forever center that heart upon the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is the grand passion which never loses the hold, but which acts as the continual drawing upon the heart. It is the continual remembrance and impression of Calvary ploughed deep across the grain of the heart, as a memorial and incentive for that service unto which it is meant to direct. He who is thus constrained by the love of Christ, by the infinite measure of that love against that cruel tree planted upon Calvary's bleak brow, will find and engage in a service which fully honors Him upon every occasion.

This, then, is the essential equipment for the servant of the Lord, and marks out the fruitfulness of his activities. It adds the crowning touch to the other lessons, and ploughs the deeps of the heart, securing the emotions and directing the intelligence to the Object of the preparation. The love of Christ is no light nor trivial quality, and the more one is brought to face it, the more one will find and feel that every particle of service must be baptized in the holy wonder of it. It is the love that reveals His perfection and lays bare the sin and weakness of our own hearts, and which continually drives us back to His precious person. The Christ-centered ministry is nothing more or less than this, not of the books and the schools, but of the conscious constraining of that infinite love, drawing upon the whole being of the servant and directing his particular utterances and laborings to that which shall serve to His praise and honor. By this compulsion do we verily become "lost in wonder, love, and praise."

Perhaps this heart testimony of the Apostle, this heart explanation concerning the "secret" of his ministry, might serve as the searching word of recall for many of us. Have we not known of brighter and more fruitful days and seasons in the occupations of the Lord? And are we not conscious of the comparative dullness and deadness of the present sessions? Well, then, let us realize anew and afresh that a cooled heart cannot contribute nor direct unto a warm and exalting ministry; let us recognize that nothing can verily supplant the consciousness of this impelling and overmastering and all-subduing love of Christ, nor afford an adequate and acceptable substitute. We are quite quick and ready to sound out the cry, "Back to Calvary!" in our Gospel ministrations, but let us then pause to warn our own hearts concerning the dangers of spiritual drifting. For when our own hearts are continually warmed and kindled and exercised and prepared by the compulsions of this wonderful love, then may we rest with assurance for blessing and fruitage, and claim the promised harvest. Love calls unto love, and His love seeks and desires the corresponding reflection with our "heart of hearts."

prayer in public schools

(Abridged radio message preached on Daily Devotions, July 1, 1962)

There was a day when the Bible was the very textbook in the classroom of our public schools. From that good beginning we have arrived at the day when the Bible is now almost *taboo* in all schools, and we have recently heard the Supreme Court of our land, in a six to one decision, declare that the state-written prayer voluntarily repeated by the pupils in the New York State public schools is unconstitutional. We have come *down* a long way in spiritual matters in this land, and the deportment of our citizens, both in private and in public, is showing the effects of this degradation.

What was the action taken by the Supreme Court? Simply this—"The Regent's Prayer" used by New York State school pupils has been declared unconstitutional, and thus all official prayers in all public life are considered un-American. This New York prayer was drawn up by the Board of Regents of that state and was quoted daily on a *voluntary basis* in the classrooms of their schools. The prayer was non-sectarian, and its use was purely a matter of choice on the part of each pupil, no coercion being used at any time, and no effort being made to indoctrinate any pupil. Here is the "Regent's Prayer:" "Almighty God, we acknowledge our dependence upon Thee, and we beg Thy blessing upon us, our parents, our teachers, and our country." Admittedly, the prayer was a poor one: (1) There is no mention of Christ through whom all approach to the Father must be made; (2) there is a selfishness manifested that is unlike Christianity, for there is request only for ourselves, our parents, and our own country; when actually it is the rest of the world that is in real need and want; and (3) the prayer "begs" God for blessing, revealing a lack of knowledge pertaining to the real meaning of prayer—one doesn't beg of God, one accepts by faith what God freely proffers to all who will receive. Howbeit, a non-sectarian prayer, acceptable to all religions, necessarily cannot have much solid truth in it. We must conclude that considering the task set before these men, the New York State Board of Regents came up with at least a non-offensive prayer for the schoolchildren, *one to which there could not be any possible objection except from an avowed atheist.* However, it was offensive to some few families, reportedly five in number, who made it an issue and carried their objections to the United States Supreme Court, where, to the amazement of millions of Americans, they obtained a favorable ruling.

This ruling with similar rulings and actions by lesser bodies across our land, point out a trend that is dangerous and will prove disastrous in the end. *The minority voice is in control in America.* The minority should be heard and should be considered, but they should not be permitted to rule over the majority—this is democracy in reverse, or frankly, the method of communism and other such anti-American ideologies.

In defence of the Supreme Court, their action cannot be said to be all bad. As Justice Hugo Black, in writing the majority opinion, stated: "Each separate branch of the Government should stay out of the business of writing or sanctioning official prayers and leave that purely religious function to the people themselves and to those the people choose to look to for religious guidance." If this means that the Court was ruling *only* against the writing of official prayers to be used in public government-supported sessions, then the ruling is good. If, however, this means that the Court was ruling against *all* expressions of religion, of any nature, in any government-supported session, then the ruling is *very bad.* There is no loss, spiritually, to a pupil or any other person in not saying some of the anemic prayers offered in public. These prayers have little or nothing to offer of positive truth and help. However, the symbolical significance of including prayers in public assemblies, including the classrooms of our schools, is great indeed. Prayers in schools, poor though they may sometimes be, at least indicate that America does recognize that there is a God in heaven and that man has a responsibility unto Him. If the Supreme Court meant that the "Lord's Prayer," for instance, is out of place in public schools, then the Court has expressed itself against the Bible, the Heavenly Father, the American heritage, and the desires of the vast majority of our citizens.

We are inclined to believe that the Court did not so intend. Clarity in this matter may result if we patiently wait to let the Court explain itself and its actions. Obviously, however, the trend is away from Biblical concepts in public life, not toward them. Difficult days are ahead. The saints of the Lord should gird themselves for "a defence of the Gospel."

Now, what were the reactions to the Court's decision? Let us consider them.

The Reactions

The reactions to the ruling of the Supreme Court were immediate and varied indeed. The Roman Catholics were almost universal in condemning the action, as indicated by the leader of New York's millions of Roman Catholics. Cardinal Francis Spellman, said: "I am shocked and frightened that the Supreme Court has declared unconstitutional a simple and voluntary declaration of belief in God by public schoolchildren." Other Catholics were as outspoken.

The reactions of Protestantism on the other hand has not been quite so united. As would be expected, the Director of the Department of Religious Liberty, a commission of the liberal National Council of Churches, approved the Court action, saying: "Many Christians will welcome this decision."

Conservative Protestantism had a different view, as expressed by Dr. Billy Graham who disagreed with the ruling. He said that if this action is carried to its logical conclusion, prayer would be forbidden in Congress, chaplains would be denied to the Armed Forces, and the President would no longer take his oath of office with one hand on the open Bible.

Members of Congress were not silent either. Senator Herman Talmadge, Georgia Democrat, called the High Court ruling "an outrageous edict which has numbed the conscience and shocked the highest sensibilities of the Nation." He said: "This Nation was formed under God —and we better not forget it." U. S. Representative Samuel Divine of Columbus, Ohio, feels that the ruling is completely ridiculous.

The Expected Results

What will the long range results be of the Supreme Court's decision to declare unconstitutional the "Regent's Prayer" said by New York State school pupils? Here are at least some possibilities, consider them carefully and prayerfully—we need to make some decisions and take some actions:

"Christian Amendment" Movement—There has been a group of earnest Christians diligently working to have an amendment included in the Constitution that would declare that America is a Christian Nation, giving full legal sanction to religious expressions in schools and other government-related activities. Many feel that such an amendment would be a great departure from the principle of separation of church and state. However, the decision of the Supreme Court may add fuel to the fire and the movement may gain much support.

Parochial Schools—Without doubt there will be a growing number of church-sponsored parochial schools, both Catholic and Protestant, organized as a result of the action of the Court, plus similar actions by lower courts, school authorities, and civil bodies. These schools, sponsored and supported by religious bodies, are not new to the American educational scene. They have their place and they are becoming more numerous all the time.

Shared Time Proposals—A new development in the field of education, one that is gaining in support, is the "Shared Time" plan for public school education and religious training. In this plan, the school would care for much of the basic educational needs of the pupil, while the church would take over the religious instruction thereof.

Released Time Training—The practice that has been followed by many schools in many areas could well receive new impetus from the current situation; namely, releasing those pupils who so desire, for certain periods during the week, to be taught by personnel provided by the religious groups of the area. Such practices have been successfully followed in many areas and could well be adopted again.



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What We Can Do Now

Obviously, there are *new trends* developing. The matter of religious instruction for the children of America is being more deeply considered on every hand by every interest group. There *will be* some actions taken, and we should keep ourselves informed, keep ourselves inspired, and keep ourselves in line lest we miss the opportunities or go off on a dead-end tangent.

Note that Justice Hugo Black in explaining the opinion of the Supreme Court made this suggestion: ". . . leave this purely religious function to the *parents and those the people choose* to look to for religious guidance." To this we assent. *Parents and religious leaders* should stand up and be heard. These are *our* children that are being sent to the schools of the land. Our children will be tomorrow's citizens. We are building or destroying our great land. Let us *rise up* and let our local school authorities know that we no longer desire a non-religious atmosphere in the schools. No; we do not ask that they teach religion, nor that they insert Bible courses in the curriculum. We demand, however, that the Bible be not excluded, that its authority be recognized, that prayer be included in the daily curriculum, and that the place and power of religion in the individual life be noted and encouraged.

How shall we speak forth? (1) Let us be informed intelligently and then make known our convictions in propriety and sincerity. (2) Let us be involved in PTA groups and similar school-related movements and make our convictions known. (3) When educational bond issues are called for, let us ask for some statements and some guarantees from the authorities in this realm that these new buildings and curriculum will not be used to undermine Christianity and Americanism. (4) Let us increase the labors of Christian colleges to produce teachers with a religious consideration in their lives and teachings. (5) Let us seek for ways and means of getting our children into church-sponsored classes and under spiritual influences conducive to their total development. (6) Let the parents in the home re-assume their own responsibilities of teaching their children the things of the Bible and the church.

We call upon the Christian people to rise up, as may be needed, and demand character-centered education on every learning level, and we challenge ourselves to say and do that which is necessary to back up our demands with positive, well-intentioned, thought-through convictions and activities.

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A NEW INTERPRETATION OF DANIEL 7

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Identifying by Parallelisms

There are striking similarities between Daniel 2, 7, and 8 which have led almost all serious students of prophecy to say they are the same. But there are also striking similarities between chapters 7 and 11. We cannot therefore interpret Daniel 7 on the basis of these similarities alone. But why this similarity of historical events, and this parallel of great powers? My opinion is that God permitted this dual fulfillment and similar lineup of kings so that Christ's offer of the kingdom to the Jews might be a *bona fide* offer. No Jew would be able to say to Christ that because of Daniel 7 He would be unable to bring about the kingdom of heaven on earth. In other words, there would be no unfulfilled prophecy to which any Jew might point and say that it was not yet time for the kingdom promised to David.

The Lion

If this interpretation is warranted, it leads us on to other conclusions that are startling. Most scholars agree that the terrible beast represents Rome, revived in a confederacy of ten kings; but who is the lion with eagle's wings that will exist with it until the terrible beast is destroyed? My opinion is that it represents the great English-speaking alliance of the world, United States (eagle's wings) and the United Kingdom (lion).

This leads us immediately to ask what is the plucking of wings spoken of in 7:4? And what is involved in its lifting up from the earth when it is made to stand on two feet as a man, and a man's heart given to it? This speaks of a spiritual change, and indicates to me a spiritual revival for the English-speaking world. Through this I have been moved to pray for revival in our Nation, and if no other good comes of this study, this will be enough!

The Leopard

The leopard as an animal ranges over all of Africa, and southern Asia, which seems to be an indication of the extent of the kingdom of the South. My opinion is that it represents an African-Mohammedan alliance, probably led by Egypt. Note that special attention is given Egypt by the king of Daniel 11, as if to make sure that the leader of this uprising is himself captured and punished. In support of this theory it seems that Mohammedanism, or Islam, is making great inroads on the colored race, even here in America. I look for the Black Muslim group to gain more support from the American Negro. The inability of our country to resolve the great problem of integration may further stimulate a black Africa for the black man.

The four wings on the leopard defy explanation at this time, but they may in the near future be explained by some peculiar ability to travel or communicate swiftly. The four heads would signify a fourfold division of power in these lands, which is well within the range of possibility. It will be interesting to watch.

The Terrible Beast

The fourth beast represents a federation that produces ten kings, according to Daniel 7:24. An eleventh king will arise, put down three kings, and take over rulership of the entire world. Since the world has already experienced all three of the world-kingdoms permitted before Christ's return in power, there must be a revival, or awakening, of the ancient Roman Empire. There are definite indications that this is close upon us, especially since the rise of the European Common Market. Already we have a federation of six nations which once were a part of the Roman Empire. They are France, West Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Belgium, and Luxembourg.

Roscoe Drummond states in the Reader's Digest for February 1962, that the members of this Common Market have achieved a rate of sustained economic growth never before experienced in the history of Europe. They have done this by freely trading goods and gradual lowering of tariffs. Mr. Drummond thinks that the Common Market will be the deterrent for communism, and he may well be right. An article in Reader's Digest for April 1962, page 150, says that for the first time the United States faces an equal competitor for the world's markets. The Common Market could, if it chose, demoralize the whole North American economy.

Reader's Digest for July 1961, carries an article on the Common Market that concludes that this may be the basis for a *political* unity of Europe. There is one thing lacking in the whole program, however, that could make Europe the master of the world. That one thing is the cooperation and assistance of the Roman Church. Europe already is endangering the financial health of North America by its competition, but with the cooperation—and control—of the Roman Catholic Church it would, and will, be invincible. According to Revelation 17 and 18 we can expect the Scarlet Woman somehow to get astride the Beast. In that position she will prostitute herself and her worldwide influence to wealthy men everywhere for the sake of material gain. Before the Great Harlot is destroyed by the Beast, she will lend both her name and her influence to western Europe, and make it a Roman Empire in every sense. It is also significant that the Common Market began officially with a treaty, signed in Rome, of all places.

There always has, strictly speaking, been a Roman Emperor. Even after the Fall of Rome the Pope claimed to be "King of kings and Lord of lords," and has ever since. When this Pope-King gains control over the wealth of Europe and combines it with his own influence, we will have a full-blown Roman Empire complete with Emperor. We are living in tremendous times. If these things are so close upon us, how close must be the return of the Lord!

"But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation" (I Thess. 5:8).

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BRETHREN YOUTH CONFERENCE

Every year during the National Conference of The Brethren Church, the Brethren Youth Council operates our national youth camp. This year has been another wonderful year for which we praise the Lord! As this issue goes out, we are in the closing hours of our camp. Saturday night is our Youth Rally before the audience of the National Conference. Finalists in National Achievement Competition will be performing. Pray for these young people. Many have made decisions this week, and they are counting on your prayers. Pray that this coming year may be the greatest year of reaching young people for Jesus Christ that we have ever seen! Perhaps it would be well if *all* of us pray to this end. We are desperately in need of an evangelistic fire to start burning in our churches across America! Pray that our young people may be used of the Lord in reaching many others for Christ!

SUMMER CAMPS

Most of our summer camps throughout the Nation have come to a close by this time. We have heard from many of these camps, and have been thrilled with the results that we have heard. What a blessing it is to hear of young people giving their lives to Jesus Christ! Many young people come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ every summer in our camps throughout our brotherhood, and this year was no exception. Praise God for these wonderful evidences of His blessing upon this avenue of evangelism.

It was our joy to visit the "Great Northwest" area for their summer camps this year. What a thrill it was to see the churches in that area combining in a real effort to reach their young people. Both of the camps were instrumental in challenging many lives for Christ. The Brethren Church in the Northwest owns and operates their own camp. It's a joy to see the spirit of cooperation that exists among the churches there. Sometimes the mosquitoes were a little thick, as well as the dust that was "stirred up" by enthusiastic campers, but after all was over, everyone had a wonderful time!

We trust that many of our readers will be encouraged to invest their time this next summer in the work of camps. Start now to show your interest. Counselors are always greatly needed, as well as staff personnel.

YOUTH EVANGELISM TEAM

The Youth Evangelism Team will be traveling again this year throughout our Brethren Churches, holding youth rallies, banquets, evangelistic services, and various other opportunities. The "Team" from our Brethren Youth Council is attempting to challenge and motivate young people "in every place" to give their lives completely to Jesus Christ.

Your prayers each day for the "Team" will be greatly appreciated, and will also be instrumental in giving the much-needed power of the Holy Spirit to the members of the "Team" and their ministry.

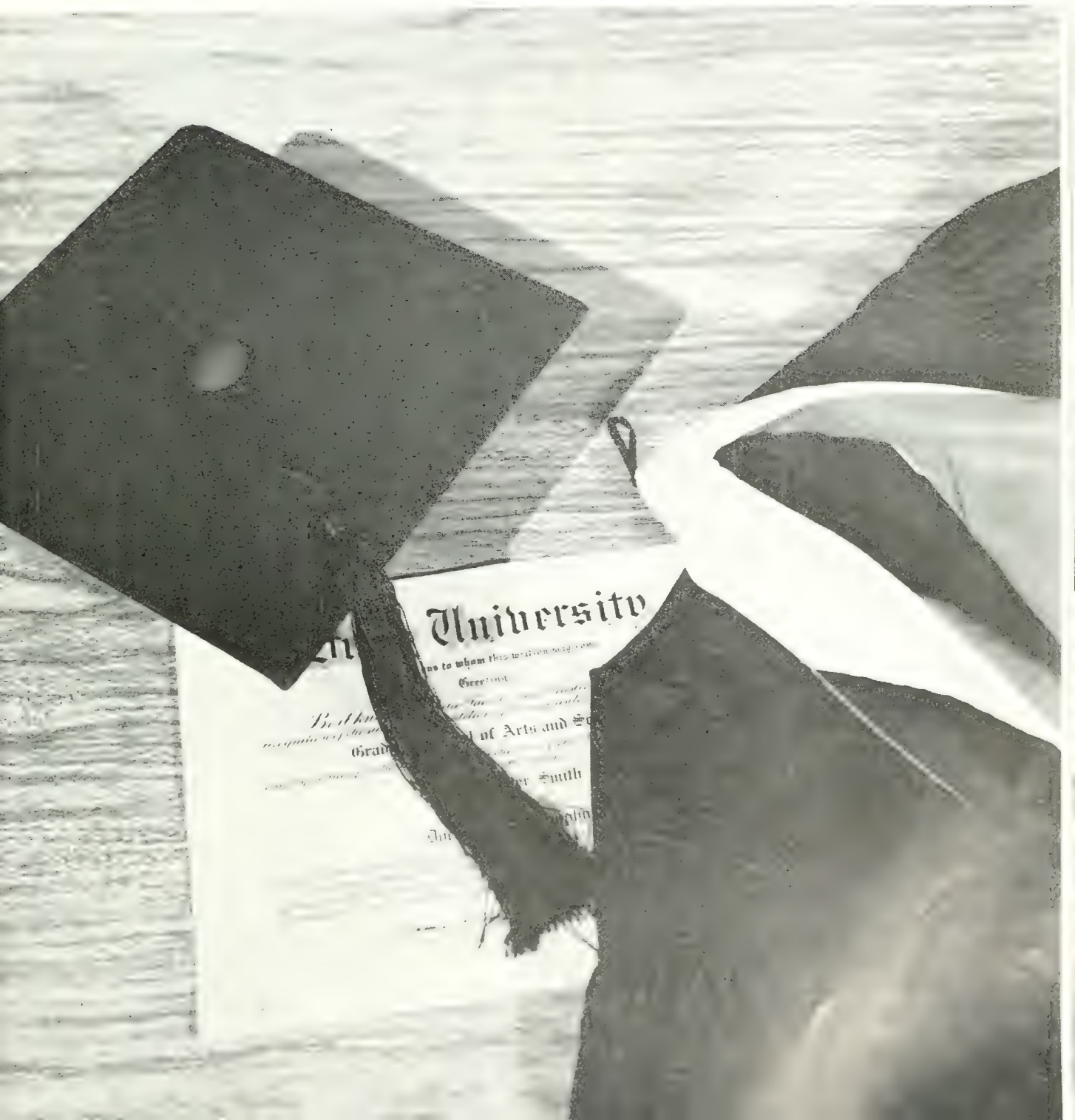
Meetings have been scheduled through the first of March, and other invitations should be sent to the Brethren Youth Council, Box 617, Winona Lake, Indiana. "Brethren pray for us!"



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EDITORIALS

By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt

Construction Has Begun

At long last, construction has begun on the girls' new dormitory. This was momentarily expected at the time the editorials were being written for the last Educational number of the Missionary Herald. Because of the large undertaking, it was the mind of the executive committee of the board of trustees that this important step should not be taken until approximately $300,000 in cash gifts and investment funds were in hand. This goal was reached early in July and the authorization was given to the contractors. They moved in immediately with their huge machines and grading equipment. At this writing the initial excavation is completed and the building is being staked out for the pouring of footers.

This building will provide housing for 240 girls, and will include dining facilities for the entire college student body. It cannot be emphasized too strongly how much these facilities are needed. For fourteen years the college has been operated without dormitory or dining facilities of its own. This has laid an undue burden of responsibility of oversight, as well as expense, on the school in order to carry on its program of educating Christian youth. No one will ever know how many problems and difficulties might have been avoided if school-owned facilities had been available when the college was organized.

Furthermore it must be pointed out that occupancy of the new building is at least one full year away. The contractor thinks he can have it ready for October of 1963. But he is not sure. Earnest prayer must be continually offered that favorable building weather be granted by the Lord. Fall is coming and then a long winter. If God should grant an open winter, the building might be speeded on to completion. We solicit the prayers of God's people across the brotherhood to that end.

The Windows of Heaven

But there is another aspect to the building in which God and His people share. More than half of the necessary funds to complete the building must yet be raised by cash gifts and investments. Though we have reason to believe from the response already made that gifts will continue to come in, there is need for intercessory prayer that God will pour out of heaven the grace of giving upon His people.

For the building itself, we are not thinking of pure gifts, although these will be readily accepted. But we are thinking of investment funds. Investments of amounts up to $500 will receive four percent interest, and beyond that figure, five percent. It is our hope that Brethren people, and others also, will calculate the value of such investments. The investor will not only retain the principal and put it to work for himself, but he will be making an investment in the Christian education of young men and women for eternity.

Gifts for the current operation of the school are urgently needed. It is the prayer of those of us who must oversee the school in its operation that information concerning the dormitory will be a constant reminder that there is need for funds to keep the school going from day to day. God has opened the windows of heaven year after year to this end, but it has always been through His people. And our prayer is that as the new school year approaches, we may see again the pouring out of His blessing upon us.

From Outside the Church

In the good providence of God, it has been the privilege of the writer to be brought into fellowship with a group of fine people in Atlanta, Georgia, among them a dentist and his good wife. They have listened to his ministry of the Word of God and have rejoiced in the grace of God. Announcement of the need of the school stirred their hearts and rather systematically funds have been placed in his hands for use for student aid. When information of the dormitory came to their ears, they determined to invest in the project. When in Atlanta, Georgia, in June, this dentist placed a check for $2000 in my hands for this building. For this we are profoundly grateful to our blessed Lord. Others too of this group have given and are praying for the work. Perhaps others such as they if made acquainted with this opportunity to invest in the Lord's work will respond likewise.

Another Way To Help

At this writing we are expecting a record enrollment in Grace College. This is an encouragement. Every additional student helps to carry on the burden of current operation by the tuition he pays. If Brethren people can at all see their way clear to send their children to Grace College, this will be one of the best ways to help the school continue its operation. It is true that tuition does not pay the entire bill, and we must depend upon gifts to supplement the tuition. But it is still true that tuition is paying the larger part of the bill for current operation.

Aside from the help given to the school when parents send their children to Grace, there is the unique advantage to the student. While it is true that students may get a liberal arts education in other institutions, they cannot get such an education in a Christian atmosphere, except in rare cases. It is this Christian element that possesses values that cannot be measured in monetary terms. At the turn of the century eighty percent of college young people were trained in church-related schools. Now the percentage has dropped to forty percent. And even the forty percent in church-related schools do not receive education that differs from public institutions. Grace College differs with these in that it has an avowedly Christian faculty not only trained in liberal arts, but also trained in the Scriptures and dedicated to the task of interpreting the knowledge of the arts and sciences in terms of Christian truth.



DR. HERMAN A. HOYT

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RESPONSE AT THE INAUGURATION

President and members of the board of trustees, President McClain, and members of the faculty, distinguished guests, graduates of this school, members of The Brethren Church assembled in National Conference, students. and friends:

I choose to begin this formal address with words from the Holy and Infallible Word of God as recorded in the Book of Esther, chapter 4 and verse 14: "And who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

These words were directed to a Jewish maiden who had been promoted to high position in a pagan court. The occasion was a grave crisis in Israel, when the life of this nation hung by a thread, that thread being the exercise of her perogative as queen. Though these words appear in the form of a question in her case, in the good providence of God they proved to be true, and through her God preserved the nation of Israel from extinction.

The first interpretation and perhaps the only application of these words belong to Queen Esther. However, upon this occasion, the speaker begs your indulgence to apply them to himself. One hesitates to maximize or to minimize his importance in the plan and purpose of God. But in some sense, surely, the principle herein stated is true concerning himself. In the courage of this conviction, I would like to outline four things in this address.

First, it is my conviction that I have been placed in this responsible position to demonstrate *persistence in the faith.*

There is a body of truth set forth in the "Covenant of faith" recorded in our school catalogues, and expressed in its fullest proportions in the Bible. This has been basic to the life and ministry of Grace Theological Seminary from its inception. This is also true of Grace College. In one sense my own ministry of teaching runs parallel with it. In another and greater sense it is a heritage. It is the faith once delivered to the saints.

On the professional and official side it has been committed to me as a trust. This trust in its importance reaches beyond the limits of the school. It not only includes past, present, and future students, it also includes the denomination that supports this institution. It includes that segment of professing Christendom that is conservative in its theology, and has long looked to this school as a bulwark of the faith in the midst of growing apostasy.

The influence of one leader may not count much in itself. But perhaps in the hands of God, his insufficiency may be garrisoned about by the all sufficiency of an all-wise and omnipotent Sovereign. In this strength, the heritage of this institution can be perpetuated for the sake of the denomination, the hundreds of young men and women who will attend, and the thousands who will be touched by graduates of the school.

But I do not want to leave you in doubt about my approach to this fundamental responsibility. Long ago I came to personal conviction in the faith. It is my treasure. It is my life. I have become so closely identified with it that when it suffers, I suffer. I could not accept this new position without the understanding that I must persist in this faith. I am grateful to God that personal and professional responsibility become one at this point.

Second, it is my conviction that I am called to *preservation of the ministry of this entire school.*

Twenty-five years of ministry have been carried on within the halls of the Seminary and fourteen years of ministry in the College. These have been fruitful years—thanks to the faithful leadership of President McClain and those who have labored with him. Hundreds of young people have entrusted themselves to this institution for training for a larger field of service. Today they are serving on mission fields, in pastorates, in teaching positions across the world. Hundreds more are looking this way for the same effective training. And there are thousands of saints who think of this place as a center for preserving, nurturing, and developing the faith of their children through the medium of Christian education.

Central in the courses of study and training of this institution is the Christian faith. The name "Grace" is not a mere designation, but a description of the very nature of the faith that is held. Every effort has been made to preserve this truth for ourselves and our posterity. The school came into existence for this purpose. Through the years it has never lost sight of this purpose. Now that the mantle of responsibility falls upon me, I promise you this day that I shall not spare myself to preserve the ministry of this school. Where the burdens exceed my strength, and this will be most of the time, I am depending upon the enablement of the Lord who said: "My grace is sufficient for thee."

Third, if it is possible to make a distinction with difference between preservation and perpetuation, then I want to express my purpose to provide for the *perpetuation of this work.*

By preservation I have in mind the efforts expended to protect this institution and its heritage from the pressures to drop its standards, dilute its doctrine, trim, and slant its message. By perpetuation I have in mind the efforts made to enable this school to continue its ministry.

Under God it was brought into existence to perform a worthy function. This is just as true for the College as for the Seminary. Its first responsibility is to serve The Brethren Church in the education of its youth and the implementation of its program with competent and trained leadership. But its responsibility does not end there. Just as The Brethren Church has been the recipient of Christian education from conservative circles outside the denomination, to that extent there is an obligation to extend the benefits of such education just as far as possible. This function is applicable also in the state and community in which we live. Believing that this school has a ministry to perform and a benefit to confer, it is my conviction that this must be extended just as far as resources and purpose will permit.

But it must be remembered that perpetuation of this work of tomorrow depends upon plans and provisions for today. No such work as this will ever survive the pressures of the present and extend its ministries into the future unless some conscious and diligent effort is made to envision tomorrow and to prepare for it. Again, the speaker realizes that this was in the mind of the board of trustees when he was called to this place.

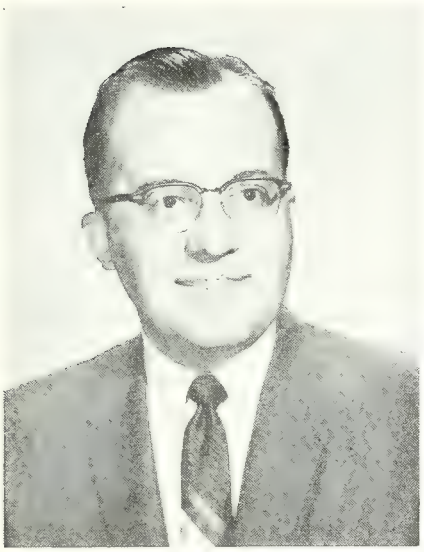
Finally, as the new president of Grace Theological Seminary and Grace College, I dedicate myself to the work of promoting *the progress of this institution.* Persistence in the faith is fundamental. Preservation of this ministry against hostile forces is essential. And perpetuation of this work is only logical. But responsibility does not end there. Ultimately there must be progress. Any school that refuses to make progress must inevitably retrogress. There is no such thing as remaining static—certainly not in the midst of the rapidly changing scenes of the twentieth century, a century when there has been more change than in all the preceding millenniums put together.

By progress, I do not mean that this school must progress away from its essential message and convictions, which are as changeless as the unchanging God. By progress, I mean the enlarging vision of service, understanding, and implementation of the ministry of this school. As everyone knows, progress has marked the movement of this school from its beginning. This must not stop. It began with a substantial twenty-five students. In a grand total, it now has twenty times that. It began with two full-time members of the staff. It now has thirty-five. It began without any buildings of its own, and operated for fourteen years like that. It now has four buildings, and a fifth under construction. It began with a budget of several thousand dollars. It now has a budget almost one hundred times that.

The necessity for progress is evident upon every hand. There is a growing population, a growing church, a growing need for educational facilities, and a growing mass of knowledge. This rapidly changing world more than ever emphasizes the

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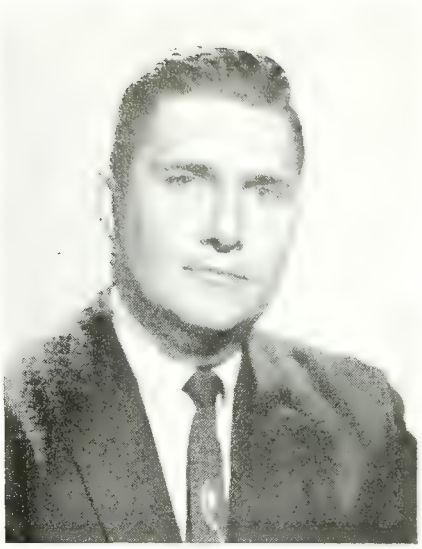
New Deans Appointed



DR. HOMER A. KENT, JR.

Dean

Grace Theological Seminary



PROF. E. WILLIAM MALE

Dean

Grace College

Homer A. Kent, Jr. has been appointed as the new dean of Grace Theological Seminary, as of September 1, 1962. He assumes this position after serving since 1958 as the assistant to the dean. He has also been professor of New Testament and Greek since 1951, and will continue his teaching in this field.

The new dean was born in 1926 at Washington, D. C., where his father was pastor of the First Brethren Church. In 1940 the family moved to Winona Lake, Indiana, when Homer A. Kent, Sr. joined the full-time faculty of Grace Seminary as professor of Church History. After attending high school in Warsaw, Indiana, he graduated in 1947 from Bob Jones University with the A.B. degree (*cum laude*). In both 1946 and 1947 he won the school's Scholarship Medal as the student with the highest scholastic average for the year. Some of his undergraduate work was taken at The American University in Washington, D. C. Theological training was received at Grace Theological Seminary, where he obtained the B.D. degree (*summa cum laude*) in 1950, the Th.M. in 1952, and the Th.D. in 1956.

E. William Male is the newly appointed dean of Grace College, and will assume his new duties on September 1, 1962. He has served as the assistant to the dean since September 1961. In his new capacity he will continue his teaching as assistant professor of Christian education and psychology.

Mr. Male was born in Streater, Illinois, in 1927. Completing his secondary education he entered Western Michigan College of Education where he received his bachelor of arts degree in 1951.

In 1952 he moved to Winona Lake, Indiana, and enrolled in Grace Theological Seminary. In 1955 he received his bachelor of divinity degree. Upon graduation from seminary he accepted the call to become the pastor of the First Brethren Church of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

While pastoring the Philadelphia church he entered Temple University and in 1958 completed his work leading to the masters in education degree. This same year he was ordained to the Christian ministry.

Mr. Male is presently working on his doctorate of philosophy degree at Indiana University.

Response . . .

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need for progress. Both Seminary and College need to be implemented with the best trained faculties and the most up-to-date facilities. There is need for a continuous building program over the next fifteen years and more. There is pressing need for a learning center which will house the library, reading rooms, language laboratory, and many other facilities to enhance learning. The 25,000 volumes now in the library need to be increased to 100,000. There is need for a music building, science building, administration building, and a men's dormitory.

With greater vigor than before, we must press on for further academic recognition for the College. The lines of academic demarcation are being more closely drawn now than ever before, and regional accreditation is being recognized as the seal of quality education. It is the conviction of the board of trustees and the faculty that this can be obtained without sacrificing the doctrinal and spiritual standards of this institution. And under this directive, plans for the progress of the school toward this objective are being formulated.

The speaker is not unaware of the necessity for cooperation on the part of all who have vested interests in this institution. It goes without saying that the trustees and faculty of this school must join hands in this enterprize. The church to whom this school owes its first responsibility is by the same token responsible to lend support. The hundreds of graduates owe much to this school. It was here that they received their training, and it is therefore a mutual obligation to enable the school to train others. Last, but not least, the local community shares a large burden of responsibility. The presence of this school has already brought qualities to the community that cannot be measured in dollars and cents. From the halls of the school many have already gone forth to enrich the local community with their services. It is only right therefore that this community should shoulder a large share of the financial burden in return.

All of this may be summed up under the name of progress. And to this the new president is dedicating himself, and calling all others to join with him in this dedication that the mutual benefit in the near and more remote future will be enjoyed by an ever increasing number of people.

For such a time as this, I shall assume these responsibilities committed to me under God by the board of trustees. But what time is this?

It is time of *terror*. As a new college president stated in his inaugural response: "Our age is characterized by a terror so vast that the mind of man seems unwilling to recognize it." In this electronic, atomic, missile, space age, the devices for destruction have outrun the development of spiritual things, and men are left groping in the midst of wild despair and unmanageable fears.

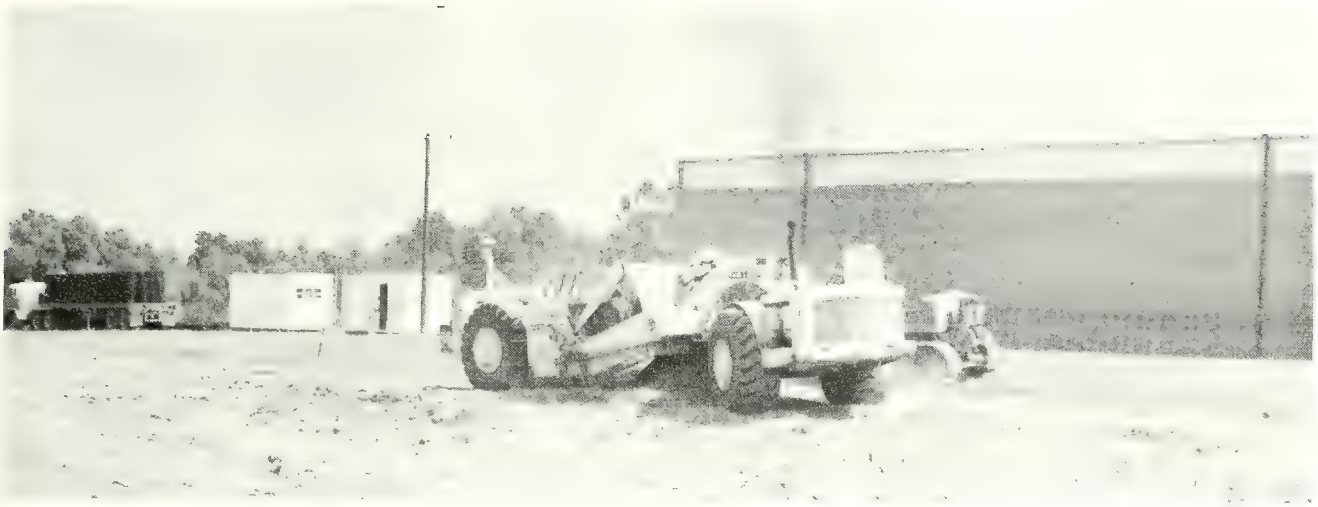
It is a time of *transition*. Or to put it another way, it is a time of crisis, when the present order is passing away and a new order of things is being ushered in. The transition is moving with such rapidity, and the changes are producing necessity for such amazing adjustment that men are overwhelmed with fears. The transition encompasses every sphere of human relations: economic, racial, political, national, psychological, religious, spiritual.

It is a time of *testing*. It is a time when the character and convictions of men and institutions are being tried to the uttermost to determine whether such character and convictions are equal to the changing times, the increasing frustrations, the multiplying fears, and the crying needs of the multitudes. The increasing severity of the testing will reveal more clearly the inherent and enduring qualities of men and institutions.

It is a time for *teaching*. In this hour of terror, transition, and testing, there lies the opportunity for teaching. As never before this is the time for the impartation of information that truly integrates knowledge on the human and natural level with knowledge on the divine and supernatural level. This is the time to demonstrate that knowledge on the lower level can only reach its fullness when it is properly oriented within the larger sphere of knowledge on the higher level. This is the time to exhibit the fact that the God of the world is the God of the Word. This God has revealed himself in the infinite and eternal Son of God made flesh, who is not only the God of salvation, but also the God of history. He will ultimately bring order out of chaos and establish an everlasting kingdom in the earth. This is the time to make clear that the light of the knowledge of the glory of God that shines in the face of Jesus Christ is consonant with every true discipline of human learning.

It is a time for *trusting*. Was there ever a time when a leader needed to trust as today? When the gigantic cycles of change in present-day civilization are moving with such swiftness that it is humanly impossible to comprehend and cope with them, this is the time for trust in an omnipotent and sovereign God who works all things after the counsel of His own will. This is the time for the leader to trust that his cause is heaven-born and heaven-approved. This is the time to trust that his heritage is worthy of perpetuation and needed in this present order. This is the time to trust that his predecessor passed on to him an organization and achievement that calls for the best in him. This is the time to trust that his colleagues will wholeheartedly join with him in carrying the heritage forward to new attainment. This is the time to trust that all who have supported the cause will with renewed zeal rally in support, and that others will join the throng.

For such a time as this, and trusting in our Lord Jesus Christ, I do humbly accept this new responsibility and sincerely dedicate myself to discharge the duties that come with it. I acknowledge the fact that others have labored and I am now entering into the fruit of their labors. Above all, I have experienced twenty-five years of apprenticeship under the wise and kindly direction of the first president of this school, Dr. Alva J. McClain. I cannot hope to reach the ideal he has established. But I close where I began, though transforming the question into an affirmation: "I know that God has brought me to the kingdom for such a time as this."



OUR GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY

The dust began flying on July 18 when the earthmover (shown above) started moving the "campus." Excavation and grading were soon completed for the Women's Dormitory. Since then the workmen have been busy laying underground plumbing, and running footings.

This dormitory-dining-room building will cost $600,000. The response has been very fine, but there are still thousands of dollars of investment money needed before the structure is completed.

HAVE YOU responded to this urgent need? HAVE YOU joined the hosts of friends who are saving $5 and $10 a month at four percent interest? HAVE YOU considered making Grace College your third or fourth beneficiary in your life insurance? HAVE YOU considered an annuity with Grace schools? Mail your investment today. For information write to the Office of Public Relations, Grace College, Winona Lake, Indiana.



Future students are waiting for

YOUR ANSWER!

To class of 1966--

RAINBOW BLASTING

BY JAMES NESBITT

Hello There! So you are thinking of coming to Grace? Perhaps you already are receiving congratulations and encouragement from your friends when they hear that you will be going to Winona Lake next fall. It sounds good, doesn't it? Everything is neatly arranged for your college training. Now you can relax, accept praise from your church friends, and happily anticipate four carefree years of excellent Christian training. No worries . . . no troubles . . . everything will go smoothly, and before you know it, that official-looking degree will be neatly framed on your bedroom wall. With four years of solid training behind, a broad vista of careers will open before you.

But wait! Have you ever thought that perhaps you are not fit mentally and spiritually for life in a Christian college? You might be happier staying home or going to a secular school. Is this possible? You might possibly be one of those few individuals that come to Grace with rainbows in their eyes, or even worse, with unconverted grudging hearts. Such students soon terminate their studies at Grace after failure, disciplinary action, or just plain quitting. These students would have been much better off if they never came to Grace in the first place.

If you yourself are unsaved, not having accepted Christ as your own personal Lord and Saviour, then don't go to a Christian school. Above all, don't come to Grace just because your parents or pastor are pushing you. And don't come to college to be evangelized. That should have happened to you long ago. It is hoped that every student at Grace is preparing to become better ambassadors for the service of the Lord Jesus Christ. Certainly you could not become an ambassador for Great Britain unless you were a subject of the Queen. Likewise, you cannot properly train to be an ambassador for the King of kings unless you have become His subject through a personal conversion experience.

Now it could be that you are saved, but that you need some rainbow blasting. Are you coming to Grace for prestige and for a name? If so, then you had better go to Harvard or even to your state university. Are you coming for a degree? You may eventually get one, but it is likely you won't be a very good student. Similarly, don't come to Grace just because you want a wife or a husband. Presumably you go to college to work, study, and learn; not to relax, date, and marry.

What do you expect to find at Grace? A time-worn academic citadel, grounded by generations of wise Christian educators? Remember Grace is new in the education business. Grace is a very young college without regional accreditation, without adequate dormitory space, weak in funds, and in certain areas of the faculty. You may even have a seminary student as one of your professors, someone who almost looks your age. As an incoming student, you may be shocked to find your dormitory, an old building, one-half mile from the campus. If you are a woman student, you may find that you must live in a public hotel.

If all the above things are too much for you, then please don't come to Grace, for Grace is only interested in men and women with steadfast hearts, set to prepare themselves for the service of the King of kings. Grace wants its students to be sober men and women, chosen by Christ and studying for Christ . . . men and women who won't let petty inconveniences of college life deter them from the training they need.

So you are coming to Grace! Welcome, but please leave your rainbows back at high school. May the Class of 1966 be the best ever.

Nourished in the Words

NEW TESTAMENT WORD STUDY—24

By Homer A. Kent, Jr., Th.D.

Bearing Fruit

Because of the agricultural environment of much New Testament activity, the Bible reader finds frequent mention of trees, crops, and pastoral life. Sometimes these references are part of the setting; on other occasions they provide metaphors which graphically convey spiritual truth.

The expression "bearing fruit" is often encountered. There are several Greek ways of stating this, but one method of particular interest is the use of the term *karpophoreo*, which occurs eight times. It appears in the Kingdom Parables of Jesus, in which ground is described as producing fruit after the sowing of seed (Mark 4:28). It is used also in our Lord's interpretation of seed sown in good soil as representing responsive hearers of His message who show spiritual results in their lives (Matt. 13:23; Mark 4:20; Luke 8:15).

The other New Testament writer employing this term is Paul, who uses it four times. In Romans 7:4 and 5 he uses it twice to contrast the spiritual product of the Christian's life with the sinful characteristics of the unbeliever. Paul uses the same illustration of fruit (although a different Greek word is employed) to describe Christian virtues in Galatians 5:22 to 23. He calls them the "fruit of the Spirit," for they are the product of the regenerated, Spirit-filled life. Peter with different words employs this concept in II Peter 1: 5 to 8, and shows that such qualities as virtue, knowledge, temperance, and patience are characteristics of the spiritually fruitful life.

The last two uses of the term "bearing fruit" in our New Testament appear in the same chapter and convey a subtle but very important truth. Colossians 1:6 states that the Gospel which had reached Colosse was "bearing fruit." But Greek students have noticed that the form in which the word appears in Colossians 1:6 differs from the form of the same verb in Colossians 1:10. In 1: 6 the verb form (a middle voice) indicates the sense to be something like this: "The Gospel beareth fruit of itself." There is the intimation that the Gospel has within itself the power to produce spiritual results. Paul said elsewhere that the Gospel "is the power of God unto salvation" (Rom. 1:16).

In Colossians 1:10, however, Paul prays that believers may "bear fruit in every good work." Although he has used the same word in the previous sentence (v. 6), he changes the form (to an active voice) so as not to convey this idea of inherent power to produce fruit. The reason seems clear, especially when compared to Paul's teaching elsewhere. Believers do not produce fruit of themselves. True spiritual qualities in the Christian life result only from the indwelling Spirit whom we allow to perform His work in us.

GIFTS TO GRACE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

July 1962

	General Fund	Building Fund
Allegheny		
Aleppo, Pa.	8.00	28.71
Jenners, Pa.	10.00	4.00
Listie, Pa.	83.50	
Meyersdale, Pa.	128.27	25.00
Parkersburg, W. Va.	38.25	
Washington, Pa.	12.14	
East		
Conemaugh, Pa.	35.00	75.00
Conemaugh, Pa. (Pike)		65.95
Hollidaysburg, Pa.	9.20	
Johnstown, Pa. (First)	163.25	61.50
Johnstown, Pa. (Geistown)	32.10	
Indiana		
Clay City	8.00	
Flora	22.00	
Leesburg	8.76	5.05
Osceola	19.00	
Peru		41.50
Sidney	68.00	
Warsaw	16.00	
Wheaton, Ill.	24.00	104.00
Winona Lake	27.41	3.50
Iowa		
Leon	7.00	
Waterloo	113.56	53.93
Winona, Minn.	6.00	
Michigan		
Alto	24.00	10.00
Berrien Springs	1.00	
Jackson	1.00	
New Troy	33.00	
Mid-Atlantic		
Alexandria, Va.	52.75	
Hagerstown, Md. (Calvary)	11.25	15.00
Martinsburg, W. Va.		100.00
Washington, D. C.	69.50	
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Portis, Kans.		200.00
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Modesto, Calif. (La Loma)	70.75	
Tracy, Calif.	28.05	
Northern Atlantic		
Allentown, Pa.	13.00	5.00
Lancaster, Pa.	28.00	
Palmyra, Pa.	82.65	
Philadelphia, Pa. (Third)	116.40	31.00
Northern Ohio		
Akron (Fairlawn)	15.00	
Ankenytown	14.50	9.50
Canton	3.00	
Fremont (Grace)	37.75	74.50
Galion	19.75	
Homerville	17.00	
Mansfield (Grace)	273.78	73.00
Middlebranch	169.00	
Wooster	183.13	176.50
Northwest		
Harrah, Wash.	19.00	
Seattle, Wash.	160.00	
Sunnyside, Wash.	9.00	8.00
Southeast		
Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	203.75	17.00
Hollins, Va.	14.00	
Johnson City, Tenn.	12.00	
Limestone, Tenn.	3.00	
Virginia Beach, Va.		60.00
Southeast District Fellowship of Brethren Churches	36.44	
Southern California and Arizona		
Anaheim, Calif.	67.17	
Artesia, Calif.	7.50	7.50
Bellflower, Calif.	137.45	9.00
Fillmore, Calif.	8.00	
Inglewood, Calif.	29.00	5.00
La Verne, Calif.	71.00	
Long Beach, Calif. (First)	307.00	216.50
Norwalk, Calif.	146.05	9.00
Phoenix, Ariz.	25.50	
Seal Beach, Calif.	16.00	
Temple City, Calif.	1.70	23.36
Whittier, Calif. (Community)	77.87	
Whittier, Calif. (First)	43.00	
Southern Ohio		
Clayton	33.50	16.00
Dayton (First)	60.10	
Dayton (No. Riverdale)	449.45	403.10
Dayton (Patterson Park)	34.00	5.00
Miscellaneous		
Isolated Brethren	2.50	102.50
Non-Brethren	115.00	
Maintenance	79.50	
Totals	4,293.68	2,056.10

Designated Gifts	
Winona Lake, Ind.	84.87
Isolated Brethren	75.00
Non-Brethren	25.56
National Fellowship of Brethren Laymen	716.65
Total	902.08

THE BIG NEWS

MEMBER EPA EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION

FORT WAYNE, IND. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Malles, parents of Rev. Mark Malles, pastor of the First Brethren Church here, who celebrated their 57th wed ding anniversary on Aug. 10.

WATERLOO, IOWA. Special dedication services of the new Grace Brethren Church, John Aeby, pastor, is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 23. Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, president of Grace Seminary and College, will be the dedication speaker.

RITTMAN, OHIO. Charles Turner, pastor of the First Brethren Church, reports that his church has accepted the challenge to underwrite the completed cost of $5,000 for the erection of a Christian day school building at Macapa, Brazil. Edward Miller, missionary to Brazil, presented the challenge on Aug. 12.

LOS ALAMITOS, CALIF. Dr. and Mrs. L. L. Grubb celebrated their silver wedding anniversary July 8. Their children presented them with a silver tea service set as a remembrance of the occasion.

TROY, OHIO. The Grace Brethren Church recently called Herman H. Hein, Jr., to serve as pastor for another three-year term. Brother Hein will complete his sixth year at Troy in October.

FORT WAYNE, IND. The Grace Brethren Church conducted a special home-coming for Rev. Tom Julien and family, missionary to France and former pastor of the church here, on Sunday, Aug. 19.

BERNE, IND. Ord Gehman, pastor of the First Brethren of Fillmore, Calif., was the guest speaker at Bethel Brethren Church on Aug. 19. Kenneth Russell is pastor.

DAYTON, OHIO. Chaplain Orville A. Lorenz, former pastor of the First Brethren Church, was the guest speaker Aug. 19.

FREMONT, OHIO. Richard Brushwood, student at Grace Seminary, was guest speaker at Grace Brethren on Aug. 12. Thomas E. Hammers is pastor.

DALLAS CENTER, IOWA. At a recent congregational meeting, The First Brethren Church of Dallas Center voted to begin construction on a new $25,000 parsonage. The former parsonage has been sold and the new one is to be finished in about 90 days. Forrest Jackson, pastor.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: James C. Sweeton, 170 Hostetler Rd., Johnstown, Pa. Please change Annual.

AKRON, OHIO. More than 200 friends in Northern Ohio gathered at the Central YMCA here July 31 in a farewell testimonial for Dr. and Mrs. Raymond E. Gingrich. The Gingrichs terminated twenty-seven years of Christian service in the Akron area on Sunday, Aug. 5.

DALLAS CENTER, IOWA. Rus sell Killman, Glendale, Calif., was the guest speaker on August 19 at the First Brethren Church here.

LANSING, MICH. Dr. Hobart Freeman and Dr. Homer Kent, Jr., professors at Grace Seminary, were guest speakers at Grace Brethren Church during August. J. Ward Tressler is pastor.

VERSAILLES, IND. Southern Ohio District of Brethren Churches held two camps here during July 9 through 18. There were 120 campers in the junior camp, and 93 in the senior camp. The guest speakers were Dave Hocking of the Brethren Youth Council, and Thomas Julien, missionary to France.

SOUTH BEND, IND. Dr. Ber nard Schneider is currently holding evangelistic meetings at the Ireland Road Brethren Church. Gene Witzky is pastor.

WINONA LAKE, IND. The Sunday schools who took first place in the National Sunday School Contest of The Brethren Church and received awards on Aug. 12, were: Division A, North Long Beach, Calif.; B, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; C, Hagerstown, Md. (Calvary); D. Dayton, Patterson Park; E, Jenners, Pa.; F, South Gate, Calif.; G, Trotwood, Ohio; H, Yakima, Wash., and I, Lancaster, Pa.

FORT WAYNE, IND. The dedication of the new educational unit of the Grace Brethren Church will be Sunday, Sept. 23. Dr. Orville Jobson, veteran missionary to the Central African Republic, will be the speaker. Mark Malles is pastor.

ENDS EARTHLY PILGRIMAGE

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

HAMMERS, Harold, a brother of Rev. Thomas Hammers of the Grace Brethren Church, Fremont, Ohio, went to be with the Lord July 31. Mr. Hammers was a member of the Riverside Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa. Rev. James Sweeton conducted the funeral service.

STADEL, Berwin, 51, a member of the Grace Brethren Church of Lake Odessa, Mich. departed this life on June 18.

—Lee Crist, pastor.

VANPELT, Mrs. Pearl, went home to be with the Lord on June 15. She was a member of First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

—Charles Mayes, pastor.

McDANIELS, Keith, a faithful member of the First Brethren Church, Sunnyside, Wash. went to be with the Lord on Aug. 1. He had served his church for more than 31 years in the capacity as moderator, youth advisor, deacon, Sunday-school superintendent and member of the teaching staff. He also served as a member on the district Mission Board, Youth Council, and Laymen.

Brother McDaniels was a member of the Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District, and was recognized by the Bureau of Reclamation as one of the leaders in his field.

Mr. McDaniels was also foster father to the two oldest Goodman missionary children whose parents are in Central African Republic.

—Leslie Moore, pastor.

An Analysis of Salt

BY REV. DEAN I. WALTER

Pastor Vicksburg Brethren Church
Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania

"Ye are the salt of the earth" (Matt. 5:13). One of the many remarkable features about the Bible is its timelessness. Instead of becoming antiquated and obsolete in our increasingly complex civilization, each new generation finds it to be written for "such a time as this."

When it speaks of our need of Christ, it speaks of hunger and bread, of thirst and water, of darkness and light. These are vehicles of expression which will convey accurate thoughts and express actual needs as long as the world shall stand. As long as man possesses a physical body, he will need bread, and water, and light, and just that long the Bible will present an understandable, indispensable Christ.

Again, when the Book hands the Christian his commission, it reads in a language that all generations will understand: "Ye are the salt of the earth." Civilization has left many things behind; industry has found substitutes for the vital commodities of yesterday. But salt has penetrated the pores of civilization and has created its own industries. The demand for salt increases daily.

Salt is one of the oldest compounds used by man. Often in days past it was used as a medium of exchange, but it was used then, as today, to season food, as an antiseptic and preservative. Perhaps it was in these terms that the people understood the statement when it came from the lips of our Lord: "You are the seasoning, the preservative for humanity. You are the antiseptic for the wounds of the world" (literal).

For a flat and tasteless existence Christ offered life with a purpose, a flavor; the savory in exchange for the insipid. He offered life with a power of penetration as contrasted with forms and creeds that never go deeper than the mind. He reached down to the roots of the spiritual diseases of men and brought the hidden things of the heart to light. And to that life that felt its need and wanted Him, He entered and gave richly of His own life—He always gave of himself.

It was to the recipients of this life that He literally said: "Ye are the salt of the earth, penetrate and purify, infiltrate and disseminate, go with my Gospel unto the ends of the earth, for ye shall be my witnesses."

The salt of Jesus' day was usually impure, for it was mixed with other minerals and sand. When this mixture was exposed to the elements, the salt would dissolve away, leaving the sand. It was to this condition that Christ made reference when He spoke of salt having lost its savor. It was literally washed out, and the material that remained was insoluble matter that could not impart a taste. It was grit to the teeth and tongue, and sand in the wounds. This is a terrifying indictment of the inactive Christian—"washed out"—having lost his testimony and "good for nothing but to be cast out and trodden under foot of men."

It is possible, however, for salt to be lost without losing its effectiveness. In fact, it must lose its identity before it can be useful. The grains of salt must dissolve and lose their crystalline beauty before they can import a taste, season a dinner, or enter into a chemical reaction in the laboratory. If the crystals remain undissolved, they also remain inert. Likewise the Christian is one who must lose his life before he can find it. One who retains his personal identity will lose his spiritual power, his influence, and the reason for his existence. He must be willing to go into solution for Christ so that he may be identified with Christ. Paul wrote: "I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me" (Gal. 2:20).

Another important characteristic of salt is its unique stability. Most chemical compounds are more soluble in hot water than in cold, and many compounds will decompose in hot water. But salt is not influenced greatly by changes in termperature. Almost the same amount of salt will dissolve in cold water as in a boiling solution. "The salt of the earth" is likewise not greatly affected by the changing external conditions. His effectiveness should not be minimized by the coldness of his surroundings, nor should he go to pieces in hot water. Stability in the face of extreme circumstances should always characterize God's workman.

There is no way of determining how much civilization owes to the quiet power of "the salt of the earth." We are content to know that He who weighed out the hills on His balance has also kept a record of His salt. We do know, however, what might have been done by a handful of salt that could not be found. When the mighty city of Sodom lay like an open sore before the eyes of God, ten righteous souls could have preserved it, could have been the antiseptic for its wounds. But there were only four to be found among the tens of thousands—and these had lost their savor. Lest we forget, God made one of these into a monument of salt and erected it outside the ruins of the city that those who pass might remember ironically the "Salt of Sodom"—a monument to that which might have been.

He who said, "Ye are the salt of the earth," also said, "Remember Lot's wife!"

NONCONFORMITY

BY DAVID DOMBEK

Editor's Note: Dave Dombek delivered this message in the preacher boy contest held at National Youth Camp in Estes Park, Colorado. He won second prize, and was awarded a $25 scholarship to Grace College by the Brethren Missionary Herald.)

"We fear men much because we fear God little." Spurgeon penned that little bit of salt over seventy-five years ago, and yet it is still true today. A Biblical example of a proper fear or reverence of God which breeds a fearlessness of man is found in Daniel's record as he gives it to us in the third chapter of his book. Turn with me if you will in your Bible to the Book of Daniel and to the third chapter.

This is a familiar story to us all. Nebuchadnezzar had decided that for the cultural advancement of the City of Babylon they should erect a ninety-foot statue of himself, which —he did. He commanded all to worship. The penalty for not doing so was death by being burned alive in a fiery furnace. When the unveiling of the statue came, everybody who thought he was anybody was there. When the fanfare sounded, as the king had commanded, all present bowed down to the image—all; that is, except three young Hebrew men named Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego.

As I read over this story in preparation for this message, one word came to my mind which seemed to express the entire mood of the passage—Nonconformity. Here were three men who faced death for what they were about to do—or rather not to do. But in the midst of other conformists they dared to face an angry king and a fiery furnace because they believed in their God.

There are three things I would like you to note about their nonconformity: (1.) The act of nonconformity; (2.) The reaction to it; (3.) The final result of it.

First of all the action. These men were there that day at their king's command. Doubtless they had heard the decree to worship and likewise the penalty for not doing so. But the Lord has said: "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them or serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generations in them that hate me" (Exod. 20:4-5). This was God's command. There is nothing dramatic in the stand that these three young men took; they never gave it a second thought. God commanded—they obeyed. Their faith in God was absolute.

Today we have God's Word. In it are given His commands to us. II Timothy 3:16-17 says: "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto every good work." The Bible is here for our good. It is God speaking to us. We must listen to His guidance and then follow it.

May God give us as young people this same kind of unquestioning faith —the belief that God is right and nothing else matters.

I would like you to consider something else about this stand of nonconformity. When these men were brought before the king because of their disobedience to his command, they had a ready answer to the question: "Who is that God that shall deliver you out of my hands?"

They said: "O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter. If it be so, our God whom

we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up" (Dan. 3:16-17).

These men not only lived a good life, but they had a clear-cut testimony for God.

We as Christians have drifted into a state of passiveness. We think that all we have to do is to live a good life. Now there's nothing wrong with living a good Christian life. In fact, a godly walk will probably be the first thing that attracts the unsaved. Carrying your Bible to school, praying before meals in the cafeteria, attending Bible club, all help to set you apart from the world. It is like a fancy fly on the end of a casting line. It is used to lure the fish to bite the hook.

But on the other hand we must not be afraid to speak. Peter commanded: "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear" (I Pet. 3:15). If you never pulled in your fish, much of the real value of fishing would be lost. So it is with us. If we never witness, much of the real value of living a good Christian life is also lost. We need not fear for what we are to say, for God will give us the words to speak. If it is only a personal testimony, if it is from God, it will do its work. Ask your pastor for verses you can use in witnessing. But above all, read your Bible and pray, and God will make you a ready channel through which his grace can travel. And remember, if God could speak through Balaam's donkey, He can speak through you.

The reaction to this uncompromising stand of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego was rather violent. Nebuchadnezzar's face contorted in anger. He ordered that the fiery furnace be heated seven times hotter than its ordinary use. Then he had Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego bound and thrown bodily into the flames.

Young people, the Bible tells us that "All that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall"—not might, not maybe, but shall—"suffer persecution" (II Tim. 3:12). If we are to take a stand in this day, if we are to be unyielding in our convictions, we too will be thrown into a fiery furnace —the fiery furnace of public opinion. We shall be called bigoted, old-fashioned, narrowminded. The forces of hell will seek to smear, slander, and defame us. They will attempt to melt us from our stand with hot criticism or cool us into callousness with the frozen breezes of compromise and complacency.

"The result of the nonconformity of Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego is wonderful."

But there is a blessed truth in the fiery furnace for us and it is this—that at the height of their "ordeal" when everything seemed lost: Jesus came and walked with them. These men were undoubtedly close to God, but in this special time God made himself manifest unto them.

When everything seems lost to us, Jesus will come to us and walk with us. Not that He wasn't there before —no; but in a way that we never thought possible Jesus will walk with us.

The result of the nonconformity of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego is wonderful. Nebuchadnezzar called them out of the fiery furnace to examine them, and he found them unmarked. Then the king said: "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him, and have changed the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God" (v. 28).

Young people, when the final analysis of your stand is taken by the world, they will glorify God. Jesus urged: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your father which is in heaven" (Matt. 5:16). Peter exhorted: "Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation" (I Pet. 2:12).

The question for our consideration is this—do we believe His Word?

Do we believe God and His Word or just what we want to about them? We as Christians envision God as a loving Father and forget that He is a consuming fire (Heb. 12:29). We think with joy of the marriage supper of the Lamb, and forget that before we ever sit down at that table we must appear before the judgment seat of Christ. We look forward with anticipation to the time when we shall live forever together with our Lord, and forget that before we ever enter into His heavenly rest we must sit and watch God sentence the souls of people, to whom we could have witnessed, to everlasting separation from God in the lake of fire.

Someone has said: "We believe, but God gives us faith." How true this is! God will give us faith, but He will not do our believing for us.

But if we believe God, He will give us a good stand so that our spoken and acted testimony will be His through us. If we believe God, He will walk with us through our trial. If we believe God, the world will glorify God because of our stand.

I would like to leave you with a short passage of Scripture which is a simple and yet difficult formula for living an uncompromising life. "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" (Prov. 3:5-6).

Does your faith cause you to follow the Lord or the crowd? Trust in the Lord. Trust!

The Challenge of Christian Education

(A message delivered at Muskegon, Mich. to the General Baptist Conference, June 24, 1962).

In three brief phrases Jesus Christ gave to the world the most definite, daring, direct, and disarming command that has ever been known. He was speaking to His own disciples when he said: "Go ye into all the world!" Matthew puts it: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost" (Matt. 28:19). Ten days after that historic announcement 3000 heard the message, responded to it, and reported it to the uttermost part of the earth. *That message is still in orbit!*

This is the message of Christianity, and the very heart of all Christian education. Today, we are met as Christian educators. To me has been given the privilege of the keynote message of this great conference—*"The Challenge of Christian Education."*

The Challenge of the Purpose

As I think of a challenge, and of the challenger, I think of men engaged in athletics—men who are champions and are challenged for their titles. This is at least a part of the idea given to us by the dictionary. To be specific, Webster says: "Challenge: An invitation to engage in a contest; specific, a summons." This is the entire purpose of Christian Education in this hour. We have been challenged from the very beginning of time. Eve was challenged in the garden, and later led her husband to face the challenge. The enemy of God has not been satisfied, nor is he now!

But let us come to the other half of the topic—*Christian Education.* When I think of this combination of words, I have some definite convictions in my own heart. It is not a few Bible stories woven into the total fabric of other kinds of secular education; it is even more than religious education—the teaching of a few fine moral principles of life. It is not even a set of pious words carefully phrased. But rather, Christian education is *education about Jesus* as *revealed* in His Word. It is the kind of education that brings men to a knowledge of God; to Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, and to the living of a Christlike life. Perhaps Paul expressed it best when he said in Philippians 3:10, which is one of my own life verses: "That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection." The expression of that kind of education results in a peculiar kind of living and again Paul recorded this for us when in I Corinthians 10:31 he said: "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."



BY DR. HAROLD H. ETLING

The Apostle said in II Timothy 3:1 that "Perilous times shall come." From all appearances Satan and the world are in control. The things we as Christians have held dear are under sentence—"personal rights," "individual freedom," "free enterprise" are terms that are almost passe. Our entire world is torn by revolution. Explosive political and social upheavals are not only a part of foreign life, but we also face them in our own beloved Nation. Two great enemies of Christianity have been named in it all—Roman Catholicism and Communism.

But I am sure that there are forces at work that are even greater enemies of the cause of Christ, and Christian education. First, the appalling ignorance of most Protestants is a challenge to Christian education. Time would forbid the illustrations of this that are so numerous, but check them in your own community, your own church schools and colleges. Second, there is abroad a dangerous complacency that seems to be saying, "So what!" Pastors, missionaries, teachers, superintendents all have talked with me in recent days about the fact that they are facing complacency in their own churches.

Now, what is the purpose of Christian education? I believe Paul has wrapped up the philosophy of Christian education in a short statement found in Ephesians 4:11-13. We are to take the raw materials, the pupils that Christ has given us and imbued with the Spirit of God, we are to show men Jesus Christ as the answer to every problem to bring them to a surrender of their lives to Him. Then we are to go on, to teach them, and feed them on His Word until they become mature, Christlike beings themselves, able to teach others also. This is the great purpose of Christian education. It is the very basis of the challenge which is ours.

The Challenge of the Plan

But there is a second word for us. Our Lord gave us direction for accomplishing the task—for the defeating of the enemy. It is again recorded in Matthew 28:19-20 from which we quoted at the beginning of this message.

It is a fivefold plan, and is all inclusive. It begins with a great outreach! *Go ye . . . make disciples of all nations.* This is where our plan in Christian education must begin. There can be no teaching until there are pupils. It is still true that you may be the greatest preacher in the world, but if no one comes to hear you, the message will never reach the ears of

men. We are faced with a population explosion the like of which the world has never known. Almost 10,000 people are being added to our population every day. At the moment we are approximately four years ahead of the highest estimates. More people are alive in the world today than have lived and died from the creation of Adam until the turn of this century. By 1966 in our own Nation, we are reminded that the population will reach 200 million souls. Everyone of these people are those for whom Christ died. They have a right to hear the message of salvation. We have the obligation to carry it to them. Any program of Christian education which does not include a great program of enlargement—of outreach is not worthy of the name, and does not fulfill the challenge of the very first element of the plan of Christ for Christian education.

Then there is the *teach*. Here again we are not left to our imagination, or our own understanding. Christian education has a textbook, the revealed Word of God, given to the world by God himself. We dare not in this generation allow the inroads of the enemy to rob us again, and take the Bible out of our Sunday schools and the total program of Christian education. The Bible is our textbook, and it must ever remain as such, if it is to be *Christian education*. Even now, there are those who question its authority, and throw the evangelical movement into confusion in the name of scholarship. We must know what we believe, and stand firmly upon it. As for me, I believe the Bible to be God's Word! It is my textbook in Christian education and I have a "woe is me" if I teach it not.

But why teach the Word of God? The central purpose of all of Christian education is to bring men and women, boys and girls to know Jesus Christ as Saviour. This is why He left heaven. This is the why of Calvary! This is the good news! Teachers who do not know the thrill of leading a pupil to Christ have missed the central truth of teaching. Christian education is evangelism at its highest. Christian education must always be evangelistic at its core. Unless we bring our pupils into personal relationship with Christ, we have not finished the work of Christian education. This is the place of beginning.

And why win them? To make them fit for heaven? Heaven is a wonderful place, and I am glad for the assurance of heaven, but we are to fit men for earth. We are to train them in the things of the Lord in order that they may be able to teach others also. This is an unending chain. This is a part of Christian education. The challenge of this hour is to get people ready to do a job for Christ.

And having trained them in the things of the Lord, we must *enlist* them in the service of the Lord. I have a pet ambition, and I am sure many other Christian educators share it. I hope the day will come in everyone of our own churches that no person will have two jobs until everyone has one, and I think this is the way the Lord meant it to be. This is why early in the history of the church, they chose seven men to be assistants to the apostles! Christian education must train men to serve, but they must also put those same trained people into places where they can do the work for which they have been called.

The Challenge of the Result

There is a final challenge in Christian education that I cannot overlook. It is the challenge of the final result. In all that we do, Paul reminded us in that Corinthian passage to which we referred a few moments ago: "Do all to the glory of God." Early in the life of the Lord, He reminded His hearers: "I must be about my Father's business." He spent His early life about that business, and when at the close of His life upon earth He lifted His head to pray, He said: "I have glorified thee upon the earth . . . I have finished the work thou gavest me to do" (John 17). Today, I am concerned as a Christian educator that I may do His work, and that I may glorify Him. When I do the work of Christian education according to His purpose, and His plan, I am sure of the result. It will glorify Him. It will accomplish the end He had in mind. I am glad that I am on the side of the Victor. God has never lost a battle! He will not lose this one! He will not fail me. I dare not fail Him.

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BACK TO BETHEL

(Genesis 35:1-7)

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Jacob was a good mixer. God's program for His servants was a program of separation. Jacob settled down in Shechem. He forgot and wandered far from God's will but was dis turbed and awakened. Jacob's experience, as described in Genesis 34 is anything but complimentary. If Jacob forgot his covenant and vow with God, God did not forget His promises to Jacob. Jacob had trouble with his family, neighbors, and everyone. This is always characteristic of one who is out of the will of God. How chal lenging is Malachi 3:16: "Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him." Getting out of God's will always precedes breaking fellowship with His saints.

It is further significant that God never takes His hands off His own, either for blessing or chastening. God calls Jacob: Arise, go up to Bethel, and dwell there (v. 1). Bethel means God's house. In our day it could well represent the church. The church is God's appointed meeting place for His people. God has never promised to meet His people apart from His church. Troubled Christian, get back to, and back of, your church. Get back to Calvary, back to the throne of grace. Once there was peace, rest, joy, now worldly success blinds spiritual communion and fellowship. Hear David in Psalm 51: 12 and 13: "Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation . . . then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee." Again hear God's command, Abide (dwell) there. Saints lose much by becoming disgruntled and disinterested in the church. There are far too many church shoppers who flit from mountain peak to mountain peak. The complete picture of the Mount of Transfiguration must include the valley experience. The church should come first. Too often the church gets what is left of time, talent, tithe, and willing service.

Certain preparations were needed to get back to Bethel (v. 2). There must be a general housecleaning, and Jacob had to take the initiative. Lot seemed as one who mocked when he approached his family. God's Word is a sharp *two-edged* sword. One who wields that sword must draw the first edge toward himself before trying to use it upon his neighbor. Next in order was his household: "Put away the strange gods." It is strange how one accumulates gods on the way. Be sure you are clean for the journey back to church. Change your garments. Put away the filthy rags of self-righteousness. Be adorned with God's robe of imputed righteousness.

Now Jacob is reminded that he has no altar (v. 3). How difficult, if possible, to worship God and properly rear the family in an unholy atmosphere without a church. People do not usually worship nor pray on the Devil's territory. Peter, warming himself at the Devil's fireside when Christ was on trial, was not praying nor was he worshiping God. He was denying his Lord and resorted to cursing. When you are on the Devil's territory, he has a right to claim you for service. Many of God's saints are unconsciously serving Satan and would resent it if told so. Jacob said: "I will make . . . an altar." Perhaps one of the finest things a father can do for his family is to provide for a family church home.

Now note the results of this experience. When Jacob started in the right direction, terror filled the cities (v. 5). God's saints should be a blessing and a benediction to their communities. Every sinner is a liability to every community. The decent, law-abiding citizens always pay the bill. The reason why the ungodly are so brazen-faced today is because the godly are so worldly minded. Bethel is forgotten, the church is neglected, and other gods dominate the community. One must wonder what might happen if all God's saints would get back to and back of their church, dwell there, and be true to their profession in any given community. The word "Christian" means a diminutive Christ and "Christianity" means Christ-in-u-ity. Well, Jacob came to Bethel, built his altar, and God again appeared unto him. It is impossible to dwell at Bethel and be a stranger to God or remain unchanged. No one ever goes to church and goes away the same.

Toward Bethel is the only direction in which God's backsliding children can hope to be restored to His favor and in fellowship with His saints. The journey back may be a painful one and full of bitterness and humility. It may require the eating of a large helping of "humble-pie," but it will be digestible and nourishing. How true it is that it is easier to get the average person to go three miles straight out than three feet straight down-in prayer.

Every idol must be removed, destroyed, not buried under the oak tree (v. 4). I once heard of a man who desired to give up chewing tobacco and hid his "plug" under the rafter of the barn. On the first rainy day, he remembered the "plug" of tobacco. One is impressed with linking up verse 4 with verse 8. Rebekah's nurse was buried under the oak tree. Could there be any connection between the idols and the burial place?

Finally, we must admit that it is often more difficult to retrace and renew a vow than to make the first start, but it is God's way and infinitely worthwhile. The church will soon be leaving this world; get back to the church.

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From the Editor . . .

Christian Day Schools

"If you want 'em, grow 'em." This was the advice I heard many years ago in another connection. It seems to me it is good counsel in Christian and missionary endeavor.

In the month of September the thoughts of most of us turn to this matter of schools. And, with more and more Brethren people becoming conscious of the important ministry of Christian day schools in the homeland, it seemed opportune at this time to feature an issue on the theme of "Christian Education on Our Mission Fields" with a special stress on Christian elementary schools.

We need leaders in our churches in the various lands where we have mission locations. But in most of the fields these workers are almost unavailable. The result is that our mission activities are greatly hindered. We do not have the national Brethren leaders to assume the leadership in these lands.

With the growing of the anti-Yankee, anti-American, anti-white spirit in so many lands, the need is even more apparent. It is only one step until there will be the anti-Christian feeling, and this will be disastrous.

In most of our fields we have had the Bible institute plan for years. In some areas the Bible institute is exclusively Brethren, and in others it is a cooperative venture of different fundamental groups.

But, the institute plan is not sufficient. We have come to see that if we will have students for our Bible institutes, and later leaders for our national churches, we must "grow 'em."

The Christian day school is the natural soil out of which we can receive those students in Bible institutes, and finally our pastors and Christian workers in the various lands.

The "bent" of a child's life is quite well indicated by the age of three years. Certainly as quickly as possible after this time we should begin to cultivate young lives for future service for Christ and the church.

There will be other ways to get a few students, and finally a few workers, but there is no known way to get the great numbers of workers we need unless we begin when the children are very young, and instill in them the Christian philosophy of life.

May we illustrate from one of our fields. We would not hold up any field as an example of success, but in one of our fields we have made great strides. That field is in Central Africa. We have had elementary Bible schools for years. We have had elementary French schools also. This, plus the added impetus of believers eager to learn, has been used to bring forth hundreds of students for our Bible institute, and hundreds of trained leaders in our African Brethren Church. The rapid and consistent growth of the church in this field is the result of this leadership.

Pray for Christian day schools in our various fields. *Pay* for these Christian day schools. Let's lead the church in the various lands to call out its leaders, train them, and then use them in leading the church in those lands.

It's still good advice that "If you want good Christian leaders, grow 'em."

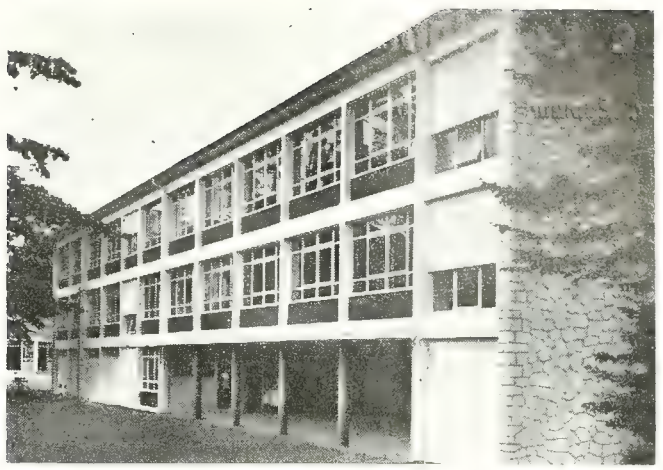
Board and Society Annual Meetings

At the time this copy is being prepared, in the middle of Conference week, the annual meetings of the FMS board of trustees and corporation have not yet been completed. Consequently, it will be necessary to wait until the next Foreign Mission Issue of the *Missionary Herald* to make full reports. However, we can report one hundred percent attendance of board members at this annual meeting. Also, a large group of missionaries is here on the grounds and participating in many ways in Conference activities. We are praising the Lord for the rich blessings experienced thus far in the Conference and anticipate further joys ahead.

COVER PHOTO—FOREIGN MISSION ISSUE



Brazilian girls and boys await the beginning of their classes in the Christian day school operated by our missionaries at Icoaraci. (Photos by Keith Altig)



A modern public elementary school in France

Schools Are Important in France

By Rev. P. Fredrick Fogle

Education in France plays an important role in the life of the country. Many parents are desirous that their children receive as much training as possible, but because of the present situation and system, only a very small minority are able to go into secondary or higher education.

The Situation

1. The public schools are operated completely by the government, and they take great pride in the fact that they are the people's school, separate from religion and politics, for neither can be taught or discussed in these institutions. Academically, these schools are high and the program is considerably more intensive than in American schools; however, up to the present over 80 percent of France's youth leaves school at the age of fourteen or fifteen. As a part of the new reform movement, a law has been passed which will require all French children to remain in school until the age of sixteen, but it has not yet been put into effect.

2. The Roman Catholic schools receive into their classrooms over 25 percent of the young people and children of France. They are called "free schools" meaning free from the State, and yet just several years ago under the presidency of Charles de Gaulle, it was voted by the government to grant subsidies to the Catholic schools.

3. The colleges or *lycees,* as they are called, train about 10 percent of France's young people during a seven-year period when they are from eleven to eighteen years of age. Only the "cream of the crop" is accepted. Those who complete this cycle of secondary studies have an education equivalent up to one or two years of an American university, depending upon the university. Other young people attend technical or trade schools.

Only one in fifty of France's children is Protestant, and fewer yet really know the Lord, so it is a challenge to Christian youth here to live faithfully for the Lord and be a shining light in a dark place. The Christian home needs to compensate for the environment and influence of the godless teaching given in the schools.

4. Bible institutes in French-speaking Europe are six in number and are training about 150 students every year for the Lord's work both in Europe and on the distant mission fields. The school near Geneva, Switzerland, called "Le Roc," special training center for the "Bible Action" group, is well represented by two Swiss couples in our Brethren mission schools in Africa.

The Need

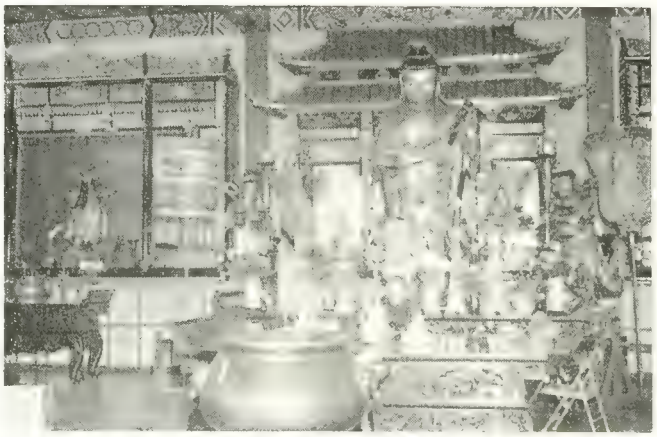
With education playing an ever increasingly great part in this modern world, and with population booming in France as everywhere, there is a great need for Christian day schools in France, both on the primary and secondary levels. Some years ago a fully qualified couple had this burden, but the husband was taken home to be with the Lord before their project could be realized.

Another need is for a strong and purely evangelical theological seminary in French-speaking Europe. The Bible schools are doing a very acceptable job, but the need is for an even more extensive and lengthy preparation for the Lord's service on the part of those who would be able to follow such a program.

The needs are great and the possibilities are many, but WHERE ARE THE WORKERS? Lord, raise them up!

The Possibilities for Christian Schools in Hawaii

By Rev. Edmund M. Leech



"Thirty percent . . . is Buddhist"—The "Goddess of Mercy" in her new resplendent temple in Honolulu

Christian day schools are popular in Hawaii. The Romanists, with 30 percent of Hawaii's population, are pushing ahead with their well-attended parochial schools. Thirty percent of our population is Buddhist. Buddhists stress a high moral tone, and have some private schools. Buddhists have noticed that in Christian day schools a high moral tone is emphasized, and for this reason like to send their children to such schools. One Buddhist parent expressed disappointment that the Christian day school where his child was attending did not go beyond grade school, saying: "You're not going to stop at grade school, are you?" A prominent Honolulu minister stated: "Christian day schools are popular." Most of the bigger denominations have launched out into this field, including the Baptist, Lutheran, Episcopal, Methodist, Congregational, Church of Christ, and some independents, as well as the Seventh Day Adventists. We look forward to the day when the Brethren also will organize a school.

The possibility of opening up more Christian day schools is limited by two classes of people. *First,* ministers with vision are wanted. Just now a well-run school is closing down. The minister, a second-generation Japanese-American who pushed for its organization, is now going to his ancestors' native land, Japan, as a missionary, but the members of his church lack his vision and will to sacrifice. *Second,* Christian teachers who will look upon teaching in a Christian day school as a missionary call. Few Christian day schools can match the salaries of the secular schools, so there is need for teachers who are not only born again and well trained, but also feel the call of God to this service as a missionary venture, willing to do without some of the worldling's "necessities" and to look to God in faith to supply their needs —if not through salary, then from other sources—and be prepared to wait until the Lord's return for their full reward.

Why Christian Schools Are a "Must" in Puerto Rico

By Rev. James Dickson

It is well for individual believers and churches to have goals and with His help to strive to realize these goals. One goal that we have longed to attain here in Puerto Rico in addition to an indigenous church is a school where our Puerto Rican children would have the opportunity of a Bible-centered education. As time passes it becomes more and more apparent that in order to establish a group of fundamental believers we need to begin with the children. A large portion of the religious training of the past has been either Roman Catholic or extreme emotionalism.



A Christian day school class in Puerto Rico

With a growing population that has now revealed 678 people per square mile, the island's public schools cannot hope to give each child even a proper secular education. The public schools are bound by law to enroll all children without charge regardless of status of life. The private schools are not so bound. They may limit the number of enrolled children so that more time can be spent with each child. The public school is limited as to what religious training it may give, but the Christ-centered school is permitted a free hand to teach its convictions as long

Cooperative Education for Mexican Youth



"Field day" for B.I. faculty, students, and families

By Rev. Sibley M. Edmiston

When the first group of young people in the Mexican Brethren work was ready to begin formal Bible training, a definite problem arose: where or how would we provide training for them? At first an unsatisfactory attempt was made to set up our own denominational school. It seemed we were not ready for such an undertaking. Then began a wide search to find a school already in operation that could provide a satisfactory training program for our young people. Providentially such a school was found in the small village of Nuevo Ideal in the State of Durango. A group of Mennonites had recently organized a small school there of high spiritual and academic tone. The director and teachers were very friendly toward us, and accepted our young people as students for a very nominal charge.

Meanwhile, plans were being formulated to have a training school near our local missions in which Brethren missionaries could provide part of the teaching. It was arranged with several other churches and missions in the Tijuana area to organize an interdenominational school. The Lord worked favorably, and a cooperating school was born under the name "The Bible Institute of Lower California." Its birth was not any too soon because scarcely had its first semester ended when the Mennonite school in Durango was forced to close on account of local religious pressure. Our young people still at Durango were thus able to return home and still finish their training without interruption. It was evident that the Lord's hand was guiding in this. Having our students in the Bible school at Tijuana also gave us an opportunity to give them some training along Brethren lines. This was not done in the school proper, but special denominational classes were given at the local mission which was located near the school. The location was near enough that these classes could be given at the final hour of the school day. This arrangement has worked very satisfactorily without causing any offense to the other groups participating in the training program.

To the present the cooperative spirit has been such that the need for a strictly denominational school has not been greatly felt. The doctrine and Bible courses have been taught by Brethren missionaries or by those in harmony with us doctrinally. For three years the classes were held in a Baptist mission. This past year classes were held in a downtown Nazarene church. The Nazarenes have taken little active interest in the school, but their attitude is very congenial toward us. There has been considerable interest and friendliness toward the school in general, and the three commencement services were all well attended. This interest is probably largely due to the friendly and cooperative spirit that has existed

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as it maintains the educational standards. Contrary to most Latin American countries where the Roman church has political power, the government here encourages private schools to help alleviate the tremendous burden that the public schools are bearing. In the two to three years we have been here in Puerto Rico, we have been amazed at the lack of opposition both in the fields of education and religion.

It is not an easy task to start a Christian school. It takes a definite leading of the Lord to be sure what we are doing is in "the power of His might" and not in the flesh. We must have property, a building, a director, and a staff, supplies and equipment; all this with much prayer to back it up. Some evangelical groups have tried it and found that although the organizational task is great, when their doors were opened they were filled with children. However, it is a sad fact that most of the private schools are liberal in theology, Roman Catholic, or have no religious teaching at all.

The old argument used to be: "Why spend extra money for private schools when our children can get an adequate education in a public school?" In Puerto Rico it is not a question of how good the education they will receive, but whether they will receive any at all. Only in the last eight years has Puerto Rico seen this new attitude toward private schools. How long it will last no one knows. That is why we are so concerned about this need and opportunity *now*. If this door were to close, our opportunity would be lost. Pray that we will not be found fainting if the Lord should lead us toward this goal.

THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

Clyde K. Landrum, Director Box 588—Winona Lake, Ind.



This little African girl is unhappy, isn't she? Miss Rosella Cochran, who took the picture, says that Dorcas is really a very happy baby. But, she lost patience with the missionary and her camera—and she lost sight of her mama for a few moments!



Marguerite likes her dolly and is very proud of the dress her daddy made for it. He is in charge of the medical work at Bassai. The family says that for a time Marguerite took her "baby" and toddled off each morning to the dispensary-hospital. She seems to be taking good care of her *melingue*.

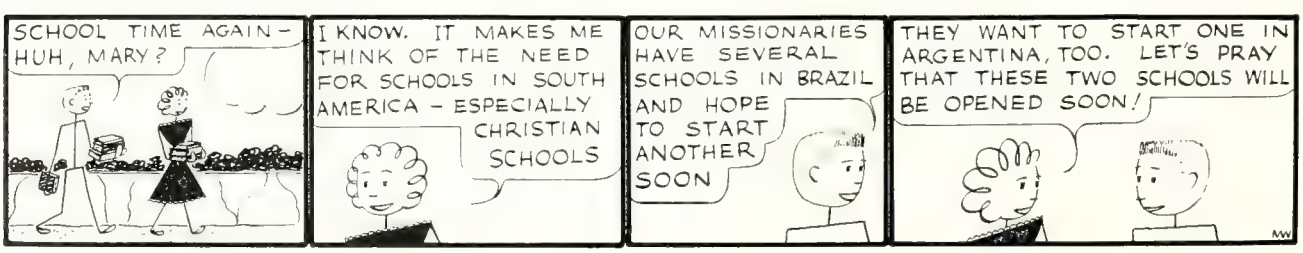
KNOWING YOUR MISSIONARIES



Here we see Rev. and Mrs. Hill Maconaghy ready to leave for Argentina in October 1960. They returned to that field where they have served the Lord since 1938. Both of them are from Philadelphia and studied at the Bible school there. They are working in Jose Marmol, a suburb of Buenos Aires. The Maconaghys need to move out of the house where they now live and are looking for a new place. Pray that they will find one soon, MH'ers.

MARY MISSIONARY

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Do We Need Evangelical Schools in Argentina?

BY MISS MILDRED WAGNER

(FMS editor's note: Miss Wagner, daughter of Argentine national pastor Ricardo and Mrs. Wagner, is very interested in the work of an Argentine evangelical day school which it is hoped may soon be opened. At the request of Rev. Solon Hoyt, she wrote this article to present the need.)

Do we need evangelical schools in Argentina? Certainly we do—from kindergarten up to university. And why are we so categorical in our answer? First let us understand a little about education in Argentina.

Education is taken care of largely by public schools which are supported by the national or provincial governments. Then there are a few private schools, most of them Catholic. Attendance in primary school is obligatory, and a large percent of Argentine children go to school. Only 30 or 40 percent have a chance to continue their studies in secondary schools and a few are able to go in for some career.

But, in the most impressionable age children must attend either these public or private schools. Or, they may certify that education is being imparted in the home, which is *the* exception in this country. In other words, children may be under just about any influence.

Now, in considering this subject, we must keep in mind two very important factors which are a continual menace to our country: Catholicism and communism.

As you certainly already know, this is a Catholic-controlled country. This may mean just about anything. We thank God we do not have the persecution our brethren in Christ are enduring in Colombia, for example. We are free to preach the Gospel. We can even say that people sympathize with us more than before as a result of coming to know true believers in our Lord. Of course, we have opposition. But some Catholic priests have changed their tactics, probably because of ecumenism. They lead the people to think that after all, evangelicals somehow or another *will* get to heaven, only by different ways—thus creating confusion in the minds of most of the people. We find that some are opening their eyes to the reality of what Catholicism really is; nevertheless, they continue to "listen to mass" (which is the way to demonstrate that you are a *good* Catholic). But, why? Just because the Catholic church controls everything. If you were an Argentine, you would know that you sooner get where you want to—be it a position in government places, in schools, in public administration, or anything else—if you are a Catholic; and if you are a "good" one, so much the better.

But concerning our question in mind, the problem is *moral*, and this is very serious. And, an honest person is looked upon as someone really rare, extraordinary. Children grow in this atmosphere. Even evangelical children are so influenced that they have a hard time to be perfectly honest and truthful in everything.

We believe that a good Christian moral atmosphere in evangelical schools will do wonders for our believers' children, not to speak of the unsaved children and the influence through them in their homes. We believe this; we *know* it is so. There are some evangelical schools in our country already. The Lord has so used them that people regard them almost as reform schools, with excellent results!

On the other hand, there is a recent and vigorous movement of the Catholic church to take into their hands as much of the education of the nation as they can. And they are doing it! They have many primary and secondary private schools, and now a Catholic university. Since these are boarding schools, more and more people are leaving their children's education in the hands of priests and nuns. By the time a child comes out of their schools, he is completely catechized, or what is worse—an atheist—this being a result of what he has seen inside their schools, or of the spiritual hunger totally unsatisfied. Think of the opportunities that would be ours if we had evangelical schools!

The second important fact we mentioned was communism. We can say without doubt that communism is infiltrating our country through the schools almost exclusively. They cannot do much with the "workers" while "Peronism" is still in their hearts and minds. One never knows whether that innocent looking teacher is a militant Communist or not. What can we do about it? We need to prepare our children in evangelical schools to face this simultaneous danger and challenge.

But the most important motive in saying that we need evangelical schools is that it provides a way of reaching children for Christ as directly and efficiently as we can hope or ask, and through them, their parents. And this in itself is motive enough.

Brethren, we are planning for an evangelical day school to be operating soon, the Lord willing, in Rio Cuarto. Will you *pray* that the Lord may open the way? Will you pray that we may have the Lord's wisdom and patience to face all problems, difficulties, and opposition? Will you pray that the teachers may so know their Saviour and Lord that they'll always reflect Him in their lives? Will you pray that the Lord will supply a building, furniture, and every material thing we need? Will you pray, really pray, for victory? May the Lord bless you for doing it.



Teachers in the Icoaraci school, left to right: Nazare Magina, Dalila Ramos, Mrs. Altig, Lourdes Saraiva, Dormerinda Cardoso, Raimundo Baia.

Our Mission Schools in Brazil

By Rev. J. Keith Altig

A statement has been frequently made, and I believe correctly so, by officers of the Christian day school movement in the United States. They say that their reason for existence is not that they can teach the school material better than the public schools, but that they teach the Christian philosophy as a background, and seek always to point the student to the Lord as the Creator and Sustainer of the universe.

This we try to do also in the Christian day school movement in our field of Brazil. We seek always to exalt the Lord Jesus Christ, and teach in such a way as to glorify Him.

There are, however, secondary goals which are of great value. It is not difficult here to do a better job of teaching arithmetic or language than the public schools do. The public-school pupil here is taught many facts but does not know how to make use of them in everyday living. He knows that two times twelve is twenty-four, but he doesn't know how many eggs he is supposed to get if told to buy two dozen. He knows that one-half of fifty is twenty-five, but cannot figure what must be paid for a half meter of cloth if one meter costs fifty cruzeiros.

To remedy this situation our school director, Vivian Altig, and the pupils set up a booth and made paper money. Then, with one of the children acting as storekeeper and the others of the class as customers, all kinds of negotiations were carried out to see if the children could learn to use the facts they were being taught in the classroom. It was a huge success. The pupils vibrated with excitement and the ideas really seemed to sink in a little better. A project for the future is to paste a map of Brazil on a plywood backing and cut out the states with a saber saw, making a jigsaw puzzle; then, as they put it together they will know the relation of the states and territories to each other. A bug, butterfly, and seed collection is being worked up, and an exposition of common kinds of wood is being developed with twenty-five varieties already on hand.

Although dampened somewhat by the enervating effects of the unremitting heat and humidity, still Latin tempers flare out occasionally, so we try to teach peaceful co-existence with one's fellow students as well as clean speech, honesty, and truthfulness.

There is a national school lunch program in which we participate, receiving the ingredients free of charge, so every day each child is given a glass of warm milk, made by mixing powdered milk with water and adding sugar and cornstarch or chocolate to thicken it a little. Many students bring a dry hunk of bread from home and chew on it cheerfully between sips of the milk mixture.

We operate two schools in Brazil now, and it is our hope to open at least one more when Miss Barbara Hulse returns from furlough and takes up her duties in Capanema. In addition to this, classes are being taught in Mazagao and in the islands. In the Icoaraci school, one of the regular materials taught is the Bible, and the students have studied John and Acts. All teachers are active believers, and stress is laid on the importance of their Christian testimony before the pupils, as well as in the community. Pray for the schools, support the schools; they are an active branch of our work of leading people to the knowledge of the Lord and establishing them in the faith.

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for a number of years in this town among pastors and churches.

The Bible institute has been in operation for four years. So far eleven students have completed their training here. Eight of these have been Brethren students. This year there were no Brethren students who attended throughout the year; however, two Brethren missionaries continued their teaching this year in appreciation for the help of the non-Brethren teachers when nearly all of the students were Brethren. We are grateful to those who have had an interest in the training of our young people, and likewise we are happy to have a part in preparing workers who have a desire to serve the Lord although they may not be strictly of our group.

"Whither Bound in Central African Schools?"

By Rev. S. Wayne Beaver

Christian Day Schools

The law passed last year giving full liberty to private schools was revoked on April 28, 1962, by the National Assembly of the Central African Republic. At that time they adopted a "Unification of Schools" law formulated by President Dacko and the Minister of Education with power to revoke permission to mission schools, and to confiscate all furnishings, supplies, and buildings used for such schools. The reason given for this action was that since the Catholics, whose mission schools represent almost 40 percent of the schools of the country, were demanding full government financial support, the government felt that it might just as well have control over the schools also.

To understand what this means, let's take a look at the school situation here. As a sample district, consider the prefecture of Bossangoa. Located in the heart of our mission field, it comprises our largest mission district. According to the latest census taken seven months ago, there were 107,000 people in the area with fourteen schools: nine government schools, four Catholic schools, and one Protestant school. Out of the population of 107,000, there are 36,000 children of school age. Ten percent of these children are in school. But of the 3,600 children in school, 2,400 are in the town of Bossangoa, and hence only 1,200, or 2 percent, of the children in the numerous outlying villages are in school. Bozoum, Paoua, and Bocaranga, where we have four mission stations, boasts thirty-two schools and 24 percent of the children in school.

The country has big plans for the future. The President asked that six hundred new schools be opened this year. This figure had to be reduced to three hundred. But due to the lack of teachers, the only way that these three hundred new schools could be opened was to offer a special pedagogic course of two months to those who had completed six years in the primary schools, and were not able scholastically to enter junior high school. It was on this primary level that our African Brethren churches operated seven schools with an enrollment of 1,050 students last year.

On the secondary level, the Brethren churches operated a high school with forty-eight students in attendance this past year under the direction of Mr. Jean-Louis Steudler at our Yaloke mission station. Both the government and the Mission high schools have been taught almost 100 percent by European personnel, and the extent of expansion of the government high schools has depended upon the ability to secure teachers each year from France.

Bible Schools

Rather closely related to this problem of secular education is that of training African pastors to fill the pulpits of our churches. The present students arriving at our Bible Institute may have had from four to seven years of schooling, some learning to read and write in church vernacular schools, and others having received several years of secular education in church or government schools, plus two to three at elementary Bible schools. This smattering of knowledge gained more or less haphazardly has not proven sufficient to make possible a profound study of the Word, and to produce strong pastors who can exposit the "depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God" which will result in "the edifying of the body of Christ."

Consequently, a vigorous program has been added to our Bible Institute course. Beginning this year an attempt is being made to give the rudiments of a junior high school education to seven of our younger pastors. Then in March of 1963 a school of theology will be opened to be attended by present pastors who can qualify, and the men graduating from the high schools of the country. Since the "unification" law makes it impossible for our high school to continue in the government system, application is being made to continue the school as a training center for those who feel called into the Lord's service. In addition to other branches of our work being served by this school, we hope to gain a number of students for the school of theology through this avenue.

Thus we're asking you to pray for the education of our Christian young people, and for wisdom in reaching more of this rapidly developing republic's youth with the message of life, liberty, and happiness in Christ Jesus.



Boys of the high school with Mr. Steudler

DATELINE



MEMBER EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION

HAGERSTOWN, MD. Warren E. Tamkin, pastor of Grace Brethren Church, celebrated his fifth anniversary as pastor of the church on July 1.

MANHEIM, PA. A new Grace Brethren Church was recently organized here. The congregation is temporarily meeting at 119 S. Main St. The first services were held on Aug. 5 with an attendance of 17 in Sunday school, 30 in the worship service, and 20 in the evening service. The new work is being financed entirely by the local group. Russell H. Weber is the pastor.

EVERETT, PA. The Everett Grace Brethren Church sponsored a surprise celebration in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Homer Lingenfelter's 25th wedding anniversary on July 13. The church presented a life guaranteed gold wrist watch to the pastor and a chest of stainless steel service for twelve to Mrs. Lingenfelter. Approximately 125 guests were present for the occasion.

ELYRIA, OHIO. Galen M. Lingenfelter tendered his resignation as pastor of the Grace Brethren Church on Aug. 1. Brother Lingenfelter is planning to enter the field of evangelism beginning Jan. 1.

JOHNSTOWN, PA. The "Wheaton College Crusaders" presented a practical Christian message through music and Bible teaching at the First Brethren Church on Aug. 5. James Sweeton, pastor.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Ogden, 3712 Carpenter St., S.E., Washington 20, D. C. Rev. and Mrs. Edward Mensinger, 7670 W. 61st Ave., Apt. 9, Arvada, Colo.

WINONA LAKE, IND. There were 761 people in Sunday school and 1029 in the morning worship services during the first sessions of the National Brethren Sunday School Convention here Aug. 12.

DAYTON, OHIO. Rev. James Marshall, Brethren missionary to Argentina, was guest speaker at North Riverdale Brethren Church on Aug. 12. Russell Ward is pastor.

NOTICE: Information blanks for the Brethren Annual have been mailed out to all pastors. Please return them immediately to the Brethren Missionary Herald Company for processing. Deadline on *all* material is Sept. 15.

CANTON, OHIO. At a congregational meeting held at the First Brethren Church a motion prevailed to change the name of the church to Grace Brethren Church, effective Jan. 1, 1963. John Dilling, pastor.

KOKOMO, IND. Dr. and Mrs. Harold Etling are happy to announce an addition in the "Decade of Doubling" program with the arrival of a grandson, Eugene Edward Momeyer on Aug. 20, 1962. He weighed in at 7 lbs. and 5 oz. Proud parents are Mr. and Mrs. Larry Momeyer.

WINONA LAKE, IND. Newly elected officers for the 1963 National Fellowship of Brethren Churches are: Moderator, Mark Malles; v. mod., Russell Ogden; secy., Clyde Landrum; ass't. secy., Clair Brickel; treas., Elmer Tamkin; and stat., John Whitcomb. The 1962 conference membership committee reported 209 ministerial and 366 lay delegates for a total of 575.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Rev. Francis Brill, 700 Liberty Ave., Johnstown, Pa.

Wedding Bells

Announcements in this column are published when sent in by a pastor.

Janet Mong and Ernest Reese, July 15, at the Grace Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Md.

Judy Skellenger and Donald Smith, Aug. 3, First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Dorothy Menser and Kenneth Finley, Aug. 4, at the Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio.

Nancy I. Smith and James S. Calhoun, Aug. 4, at the Grace Brethren Church, Everett, Pa.

Donna Lynn Petersen and Larry Wayne Poland, Aug. 4, at the Evangelical Covenant Church, Glen Ellyn, Ill.

Doris Croker and William Greenawalt, Aug. 4, at the Grace Brethren Church, York, Pa.

Bonnie Sue Fisher and Michael Guy Bailey, Aug. 11, at the Bethel Brethren Church, Osceola, Ind.

Annabelle Kettell and Richard Alan Scott, Aug. 11, at the Grace Seminary Chapel, Winona Lake, Ind.

Mary Elsa Bowser and William Lewis Schaffer, Aug. 18, at the First Brethren Church, Clayton, Ohio.

Tricene Thompson and James Custer, Aug. 25, Grace Brethren Church, Mansfield, Ohio.

Elona McKee and Richard A. Kriegbaum, Aug. 25, First Brethren Church, Washington, D. C.

Helen Wasson and Charles Raudebaugh, Aug. 26, at the First Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio.

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 30 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Church	*Date*	*Pastor*	*Speaker*
Garwin, Iowa	Sept. 2-9	Raymond Kettell	Bob Collitt
Englewood, Ohio	Sept. 5-16	Lon Karns	B. Schneider
Ashland, Ohio	Sept. 9-16	Miles Taber	Nathan Meyer
Kittanning, Pa.	Sept. 9-23	Wm. Schaffer	Leo Polman
Flora, Ind.	Sept. 12-23	Lee Dice	Bob Collitt
Kettering, Ohio	Sept. 18-30	Henry Barnhart	B. Schneider
Meyersdale, Pa.	Sept. 24-30	Wm. Snell	Bob Collitt
Hagerstown, Md.	Sept. 30-Oct. 7	Warren Tamkin	Bill Smith

Prayer Does Work



By Dr. W. A. Ogden

Pastor, First Brethren Church
Washington, D. C.

The subject of prayer is one about which we hear a great deal. In fact, it is easier to talk about prayer than it is to pray, and I fear that too many of us are taking the easier way. I do not suppose that I can say anything new on this theme, but a thing does not need to be new to have value. It is the same old sun that comes up every morning, but it is always welcome. I believe we can get some practical results from this theme if you will go along with me as we think it through again.

Our Lord sometimes used situations and events about Him as a starting point from which to teach some vital truth. At other times He introduced the theme He wanted to present and created His own background or atmosphere for its setting. Such a case is found in Luke 18:1 through 9. His theme is first stated: "Men ought always to pray, and not to faint." After this He relates a parable about a poor widow who, as we would put it, camped on the doorstep of the local magistrate until he heard her plea and granted her protection from her adversary. His application is fine indeed. If the unjust judge can be moved by the plea of this poor widow, "Shall not God [the just One] avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him?"

In this story the Lord would teach us that each one of us will face problems, temptations, and situations we cannot meet and conquer alone. Therefore, "men ought always to pray." Prayer is not limited to the pious, to the preacher, or to the faithful few in the prayer meeting. It is open to all who "labour and are heavy laden." James, in his epistle, charged the poverty of the people to their failure to pray: "Ye have not, because ye ask not." "But I have asked," you say, "and God has not answered my prayer." Is there an answer in the Word of God to this charge—an answer that satisfies every phase of the question? Of course this becomes involved and cannot be covered in the scope of this page. However, let us take the personal testimony of one man and say that if prayer worked for him, we can expect it to work for us under similar circumstances.

Our story is in Psalm 109 and the key phrase is in verse 4: "But I give myself unto prayer." Like the woman in the parable of Luke 18, David had an adversary that was cruel and unyielding. Against him he cried out to God: "Hold not thy peace, O God of my praise; for the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of the deceitful are opened against me: they have spoken against me with a lying tongue. They have compassed me about also with words of hatred; and fought against me without a cause. For my love they are my adversaries." Can we expect God to turn aside from directing the course of the universe to help a mere man in such a time as this? The answer is, He did, for David comes to the end of his prayer with triumphant faith: "I will greatly praise the Lord with my mouth; yea I will praise him among the multitude. For he shall stand at the right hand of the poor, to save him from those that condemn his soul."

Prayer that gets an answer involves the surrender of self. This is what David did when he "gave himself unto prayer." He not only prayed, but he gave himself in surrender to God in prayer. A parallel may be seen in Daniel, who "set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes: And I prayed unto the Lord my God." With these men prayer was serious business. It involved intense physical, mental, and spiritual exercise. Our attitude may be that "just a little talk with Jesus makes it right," but David *gave himself* unto prayer. Daniel put on the symbols of humiliation and set his face unto the Lord God to seek by prayer and supplication.

This involves more than time. It involves more than the consciousness of a great need. To "whisper a prayer in the morning" is better than going out without seeking God and His favor, but if you are living for God and are out where Satan deems you worthy of his attention you will find that there must be something more given to prayer than your spare time and your shallow thoughts. Luther, to whom Satan was a living and real adversary, found it necessary to spend at least three hours a day in prayer. We lament the apostasy that is sweeping over our land, the coldness and deadness of our churches, the powerlessness of our own lives, and are content to go on with our "little talks" and "whispered prayers," hoping that God will answer this kind of praying as He did the wrestling of Jacob, the faith and faithfulness of Elijah, the broken and contrite heart of David, or the sackcloth and ashes of Daniel.

David Brainerd gave himself to long agonizing hours of prayer, as did Robert Murray McCheyne, and all other men who have left the hallowed Presence to live triumphantly over the adversary and bear a faithful and fruitful testimony to Christ and His Gospel.

The statesmen of our world today are making no secret of the fact that we are living in perilous days. They recognize a crisis that may not only bring war, but such a war as itself will bring "the end of the world." Brethren, the time is short. If we are going to do anything for God and for the winning of men to Christ, we should do it now. And we will have to do it on our faces before God, not sparing self, nor consulting our own wisdom, feelings, or wills. The revival we need is a revival in which we *give ourselves* unto prayer.

HOW ARE WE WALKING?

The Holy Spirit has literally ransacked all nature and all of human experience to find suitable illustrations which make plain to us the spiritual things of God. Especially is this true in regard to the believer's life for the Lord after he is saved. One of the illustrations used by the Holy Spirit concerning the believer's life is that of a walk. In the epistle to the Ephesians we find this word repeatedly used to tell us how to live. This illustration is certainly well taken. A walk suggests a purpose and a destination. So does the Christian life have a purpose and a destination. The walk suggests progress, and so should the Christian life show progress. A walk is made up of little steps —made one at a time. And so is the Christian life made up of little things —one at a time—little opportunities, little trials, little appointments, little associations, little changes, little joys, little sorrows, little successes, little disappointments. One at a time they come and have to be faced in an ever-changing scene of circumstances. These little things make up life as little steps make up a walk. It is in them that we are to be faithful, and in them we are to serve the Lord, and in them we are being watched by the world. How then are we to walk?

We are to walk worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called. "I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called" (Eph. 4:1).

The Holy Spirit is speaking here of our position in Christ when He mentions our vocation. Notice the word "therefore." That "therefore" is the basis of this plea. It points back to the great facts of the first three chapters. There we have been told what God has done for us—how we are chosen in Christ, redeemed by His blood, forgiven of all our sins, headed for eternal glory as the children of God. All this has been given to us as a free gift, and at a terrible price to God. Now then, since in Christ we are children of God with the rank of ambassadors, we therefore are to walk worthy of the vocation wherewith we have been called. Christian, you are a child of the King—walk like one.

Yes, in Christ Jesus we are children of God. We are to walk like it. We are to act like it. Are we then living worthy of that vocation? Are our manners worthy of such a high calling? Is our speech worthy of it? Is our work and service worthy of such a position? It is a sad fact that many of us have changed the word "vocation" to spell "vacation." The way we saunter toward the goal, the way we squander and take lightly our opportunities for God would indicate that we are Christians on vacation from our heavenly calling. Too many churches are on vacation. Yet, the eyes of heaven, of earth, and of the underworld are upon us, watching our walk. Let us therefore walk worthy of our vocation.

We are not to walk as the world walks. "This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind" (Eph. 4:17).

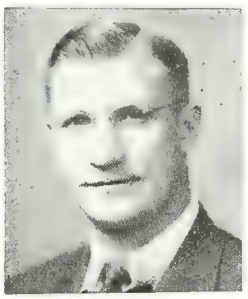
Here we have the negative side, "walk not." Notice again the "therefore." We are the redeemed, bought with the blood of Christ. We belong to Him, and He has placed the destiny of souls into our hands. We have been saved out of this world at an unspeakable price. Therefore, let us

not walk like the rest of the world. We are not of the world any longer, but are pilgrims and strangers in it, no matter where we may hang our hats for the present.

How then does the world walk? The Holy Spirit says that the unsaved walk in the vanity of their minds. The correct meaning of this word translated "vanity" here is that of an illusion, or a mirage. You have heard of people lost in the desert, and while raging with thirst, they suddenly would see a lovely river in the distance with shady trees and green grass by its banks. Some have tried to run toward it, but soon found it to be an illusion, a mirage, which disappeared or moved away as they approached the spot. So the Holy Spirit speaks of the unsaved world. It is chasing a mirage, an illusion. How true! The world is surely chasing something. People are after something and wear themselves out chasing it. With one person it is this, with another it is something else. But the things for which the world longs and over which people lose their souls are but vanities, illusions, mirages.

That is all the world has to offer. They never, never satisfy the soul. People think them to be real enough. They chase after them anticipating first a life of thrills, a bunch of happiness which never comes. Like the mirage in the desert, the beckoning happiness always disappears, leaving the soul thirstier than before. This has been going on over the ages past. Over the pit of destruction play the same lures which have attracted countless generations. The glitter of gold, the sparkle of jewels, the wine moving in the cup, the promise of power which stirs the ego; fair, soft faces, lit with laughter, the promise of exciting pleasure—all these, and many more have been the mirages after which men have been chasing from the beginning of history.

It was so when Eve looked at the forbidden fruit, when Nimrod built the first city, when Lot pitched his tent toward Sodom, when Nebuchadnezzar strutted in his palace, when Alexander conquered the world, when Judas sold his Lord, when Ponce de Leon searched for the Fountain of Youth, when Mussolini shook hands with Hitler for his half of the world. The promising mirage appears, looks so real. Hot desire gives chase, until that inevitable moment when the spot is reached, when lust, having conceived, bringeth forth sin. Then the illusion is gone, the mirage has vanished. The soft faces turn hard. The gay faces turn gray. The glittering prize turns to dust. The sweet fruit turns to bitter gall and gray ashes. The promised happiness



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turns to despair, and the cup of pleasure burns with the fire of hell. Then man finds out that the Devil has cheated him.

But, to return to the Scripture. The Holy Spirit warns us, oh, Christian, don't walk like that. Don't run with the world after these things. You are a child of God bound for heaven. Don't forsake the real promises of God for the mirages of the world. Don't live for the things that vanish, but live for God and His eternal values. How sad, when the child of God, bought with the blood of Christ, headed for God's eternal home, goes chasing mirages with the rest of the world. Walk not as other gentiles do.

We are to walk in love. "Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; and walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour" (Eph. 5:1-2).

I believe that the primary meaning of this passage is that we are to walk in the love of God, that we are to be motivated in our daily walk by our love for Him. We are to love God, as His dear children, and then love toward others will surely follow.

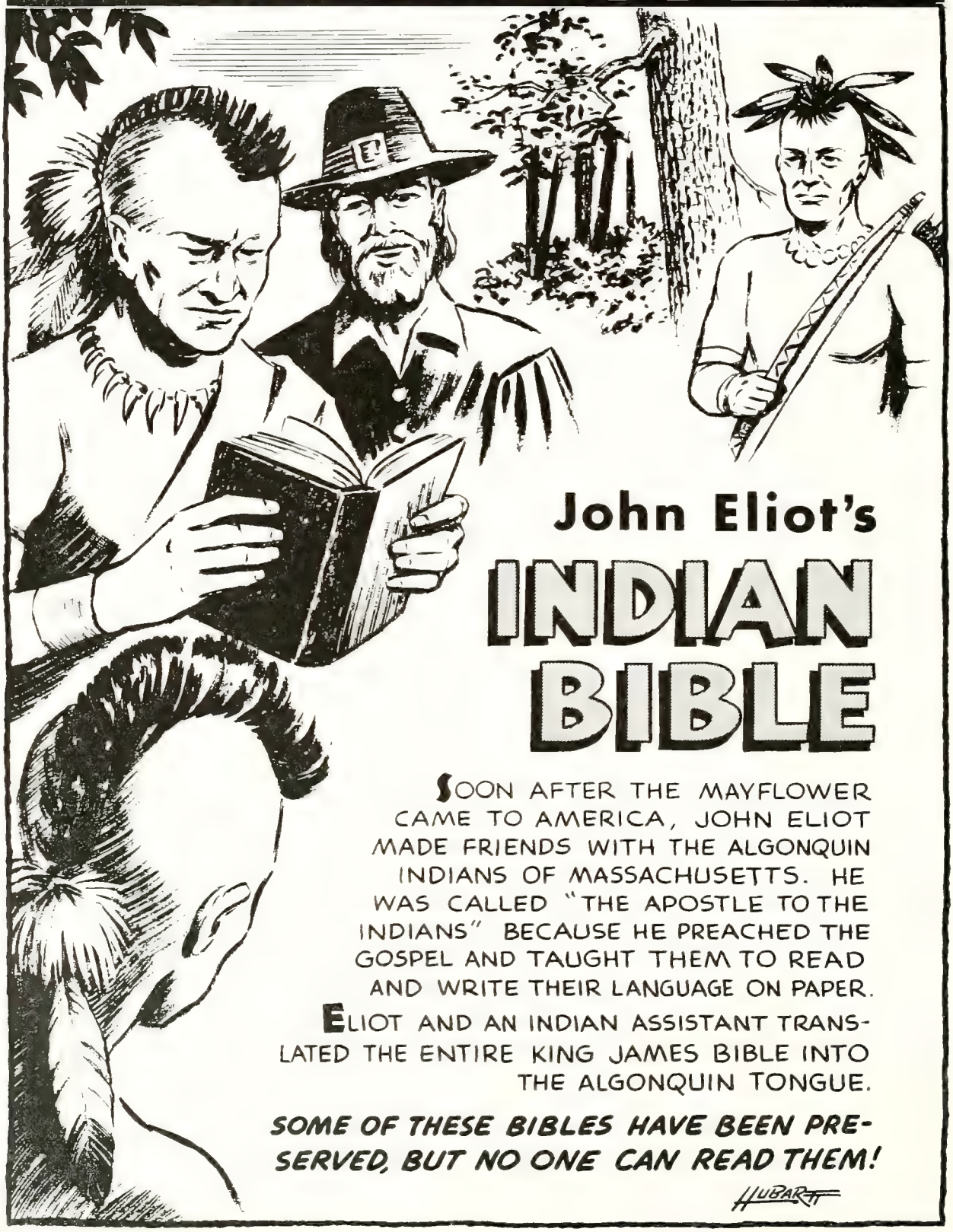
There are three possible motives of service. One is the motive of fear, serving because we are afraid to do otherwise. The second is the motive of duty, serving because it is our honest duty and conscience compels us. The third, and highest, is the motive of love, serving God because we love Him as His dear children. This is the attitude God desires most in us. This is the attitude which overcomes all obstacles, makes great sacrifices, accomplishes the impossible, cleanses the life, and glorifies God. As dear children, walk in love.

And why shouldn't we walk in love? Has not He first loved us? Has not Christ given himself for us in love when we were as yet ungodly? when we were yet His enemies? Has He not done more for us than anyone else in the universe? Didn't He rescue us from hell? Didn't He save us for heaven? Didn't He come and share our lot that we might become children of God and joint heirs with Him? Didn't He become poor that we might be rich? Isn't He right now preparing a place for us in heaven? Isn't He the most lovable person all around? Look at Him! Think of Him, and how can we help but love Him? Let us then walk in love. Let our actions be those which are motivated, controlled, purified, inspired by our love toward Him, and the world will yet sit up and take notice that we have been with Jesus.

Notice further that this verse speaks of sacrifical love, love that is willing to give its own life if necessary. "Walk in love, as Christ hath also loved us, and hath given himself for us." Real love never counts the cost too high. Look at Jesus and His love for us! He gave himself—not His hand only, not His money, not a day now and then. He gave neither nor that which He could well afford to spare, nor the leftovers, nor an occasional visit in fair weather. He gave himself—all that He was and all that He had—without stint or reserve or regret. He gave His last ounce of

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Along the Bible Way



John Eliot's INDIAN BIBLE

SOON AFTER THE MAYFLOWER CAME TO AMERICA, JOHN ELIOT MADE FRIENDS WITH THE ALGONQUIN INDIANS OF MASSACHUSETTS. HE WAS CALLED "THE APOSTLE TO THE INDIANS" BECAUSE HE PREACHED THE GOSPEL AND TAUGHT THEM TO READ AND WRITE THEIR LANGUAGE ON PAPER.

ELIOT AND AN INDIAN ASSISTANT TRANSLATED THE ENTIRE KING JAMES BIBLE INTO THE ALGONQUIN TONGUE.

SOME OF THESE BIBLES HAVE BEEN PRESERVED, BUT NO ONE CAN READ THEM!

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strength and His last drop of blood until it was finished.

Dear readers, that is the kind of love God would see in us. That is the kind of walk that will win souls, now as always. That is what is too often lacking in our lives and in our churches. We would like to buy success and souls with money and with programs. But you cannot win souls that way, any more than Christ could save us with money and programs. It takes the giving of self in love. Have we left our first love? Is that why so few souls are won to Christ? As His dear children, let us walk in love.

We are to walk as children of light. "For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light" (Eph. 5:8).

Darkness in the Bible stands for ignorance of God and for all manner of evil. Light stands for the opposite. Light stands for a knowledge of God and a life of righteousness. Jesus is the Light of the world and His life is the light of men. His life made God known to men. He also lived righteously, and He showed mankind what a righteous life is like. His life always rebuked the darkness of the world just as light rebukes darkness. Sin and hypocrisy forever felt uneasy in His presence. "And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil" (John 3:19). And because His life always rebuked the darkness, men of darkness got together and did not rest until they had stretched Him onto the cross.

Now Christ has gone back to His Father. His life does not shine to rebuke sinners. But before He left He said to His followers: "Ye are the light of the world, let your light shine." The Lord has shined into our hearts, and now He wants us to shine. He wants to shine through us. "Walk as children of light." Our lives are to show this dark world what God is like. Our lives are to show this wicked and crooked world what a righteous life is like, and this world can stand some showing. Our lives are to make sinners feel ashamed of their sins. Our living is to be an unanswerable testimony that God is real and that Christ lives, and it should make sinners afraid of the judgment to come. Dear reader, do sinners feel embarrassed and ashamed in your presence, or do they feel encouraged in their ways by your walk of compromise, of medium gray rather than of light? Let us walk as children of light.

We are to walk circumspectly. "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil" (Eph. 5:15-16).

According to Webster's dictionary, the word "circumspectly" means to give careful attention to all the facts and consequences of a case so that one may select a right conduct and thus avoid unfavorable results. This is just what we need to do, negatively and positively. Negatively, we are to look out carefully for danger, for the days are evil. Our walk leads through a world of sin, full of tricks and snares hidden everywhere by a sinister enemy. Let us then be careful how we walk. Be careful of what company we keep. Be careful of what place we frequent. The days are evil.

Positively, we are to redeem the time, to buy up opportunities. This is just the opposite of wasting our time. We are to give careful consideration to the facts so that we might avoid bad investments. Let us consider the fact that eternity is long, that life is short, that the soul is far more important than the body, that we cannot recall our influence, or the opportunity once it has been passed by. Let us consider the fact that Christ may come soon, and that we must all stand before His judgment seat to give account of our lives. Let us consider the fact that all men are lost and doomed without Christ. Let us consider these facts and then ask ourselves: are we really redeeming the time, or are we wasting it? Let us walk circumspectly.

"Only one life, 'twill soon be past
Only what's done for Christ will last."

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BRETHREN DAY OF PRAYER—SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Praise and Prayer

HOME MISSIONS

PRAY for every home-mission pastor who is setting a goal for a certain number of families to be reached and added to his church during the following year.

PRAY for the extended use of the home-mission offering materials provided by the Council for the purpose of presenting the home-missions need to our Brethren.

PRAISE God for the many VBS projects taken for home missions during the vacation period, and pray for the National, district, and local home-mission projects that will be undertaken during the home-mission offering season.

PRAY for the beginning of construction on the new church building at Tucson, Arizona, and pray for the completion of the construction on the Toppenish (Wash.) church.

EVANGELISM

PRAY for a burden of souls to come upon our ministers and congregations.

PRAY that God will lay a passion for souls upon our Seminary students that they will feel the call to make the sacrifices necessary to be evangelists.

PRAY for a denomination-wide program of real evangelism.

GRACE SEMINARY, COLLEGE

PRAY that the enrollment of Seminary and College may exceed that of last year, and that each student will be one whom the Lord would have in this school.

PRAY that good weather may attend the building enterprize through the fall and winter months.

PRAY that the Lord will bless the school under the new arrangement and organization.

LAYMEN

PRAY for the newly elected officers of the National Fellowship of Brethren Laymen.

PRAY for all laymen in positions of responsibility in the local church, and for the spiritual maturity of all laymen.

PRAY that God will lead and direct in the organizing of many new laymen's groups.

PRAY for our projects for the year.

SMM

PRAISE the Lord for victories won at the many district camps.

PRAY for the new national officers as they lead SMM through 1962-63.

PRAY that each SMM girl will bear a testimony for Christ during this school year.

WMC

PRAY that the inspiration and blessing received by those who attended the WMC sessions at National Conference might be imparted to those at home who could not attend.

PRAY that our new devotional programs may teach and strengthen and help us make this a Christ-centered WMC year.

PRAY that Bible reading and prayer might be given first place in the lives of our women.

YOUTH

PRAY for the ministeries of the "Teen-age Times" and the "University Letter" for this coming year.

PRAY for the many decisions that have been made in our summer camps.

PRAY for the ministry of the Youth Evangelism Team each weekend.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

PRAISE God for the first National Conference held recently in Mexico, and for the vision of the Mexican Christians. Pray for the newly elected officers as they seek to fulfill their duties.

PRAY that we might be able to establish our own Bible Institute in Brazil.

PRAISE the Lord for the five-minute weekly radio time we now have in Cordoba, Argentina; pray that more time will be made available.

PRAY for the literature ministry in Africa, and for all those connected with the writing, printing, and distribution of it.

PRAY concerning larger quarters for both Sunday schools in Hawaii.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRAY that the spiritual impact of our recent convention will be carried into the local churches.

PRAY that the enlargement campaign will help us on our way to double in this decade.

PRAY for the National Sunday School Association Convention in Denver, Colorado, October 10-12, 1962.

PRAY for the itineration of the National Sunday School Director.

PRAY for continued financial support that we might do a better job for our local churches.

MISSIONARY HERALD

PRAISE the Lord for the harmonious cooperation of the Missionary Herald employees during the busy national conference week.

PRAY for the editorial staff as they compile and set up material for the Brethren Annual.

PRAY that the Lord will move and guide Brethren writers to submit heart-searching messages for the pages of the Missionary Herald magazine.

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I KNOW THAT WHATSOEVER GOD DOETH

(Eccl. 3:14)

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Secretary's Report

23d ANNUAL WMC CONFERENCE

WINONA LAKE, INDIANA

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1962-63 Theme: KEPT BY THE POWER OF GOD

KEPT close to Him each morning at the 8:00 prayer service.

BY the president's message, we were challenged anew.

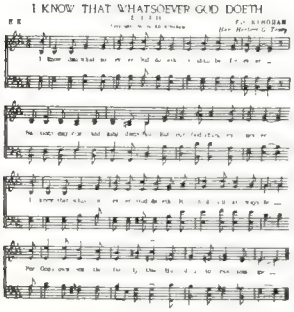
THE songs and special music thrilled our hearts.

POWER was manifested in the prepared lives of our missionaries.

OF SMM, a workshop hour, and an open house at the Missionary Residences, we could write a book.

GOD blessed in attendance. We had 310 delegates and offerings that exceeded $460.

Mrs. Williard Smith, assistant secretary



Pictured on this week's cover is the 1962-1963 WMC theme chorus.

THEME VERSE:

I Peter 1:5: "Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time."

PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO CONFERENCE



Mrs. Paul Dick

Mrs. Paul Dick of Winchester, Virginia, concluded with the 1962 conference a successful five-year term of office. Mrs. Dick's term was characterized by her devotion to the Lord, her keen insight into problems, and her ability to get along with other people. This message was delivered by Mrs. Dick at National Conference in Winona Lake in presentation of the 1962-63 WMC theme: KEPT BY THE POWER OF GOD.

Our hearts rejoice with praise for the blessings in WMC this past year while "Looking Unto Jesus." Now we eagerly anticipate the new year "Kept by the Power of God."

We shall search the truths of First and Second Peter this coming year using for our theme verse (I Pet. 1:5), "Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time." Peter has been called the apostle of "hope." The keyword of the First Epistle is suffering in the light of Christian conduct. The Second Epistle tells of the perils of false teachers: while the theme of both epistles is the Living Hope.

"Kept by the Power of God," the Living Hope sustains and gives victory over suffering in our Christian life; the Living Hope abstains from the perils of false teachers; and finally, the Living Hope obtains our reserved inheritance. Yes, "Kept by the Power of God" invests us with glorious privileges and difficult responsibilities.

The Living Hope Sustains Amidst Suffering

It is the Living Hope that sustains and makes us rejoice even amidst suffering. "Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations" (I Pet. 1:6). The word temptations is better translated trials. These trials come when we have need of them, and they never last longer than necessary. They seldom come singly but come in many various ways.

Many times we watch other Christians in manifold blessings, while unaware of their great heaviness through numerous trials. "Ye greatly rejoice . . . ye are in heaviness." Can such a thing be? It is not easy, but it is possible. The very secret of the Christian life is the Living Hope, and this looking unto Him sustains and makes possible rejoicing amidst suffering.

There are four wonderful possessions a believer has that makes possible the co-existence of rejoicing and suffering within our lives. They are a new life, a new hope, a new wealth, and a new security. Let us never lose sight of our wealth in Him.

Our conversation must be carefully considered in the realm of suffering. This word "conversation" includes our whole manner of life. "Be ye holy in all manner of conversation"; "Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles . . ." (I Pet. 1:15; 2:12). These verses admonish us to a holy and honest manner of life. This includes our personal, domestic, and elected relationships. Whatever is in this world—its ways, fashions, business, amusements, and whatever affects the spiritual interests of the soul—must be done with a holy and honest conversation.

Sometimes Christians are very strict, but also very repellent. Satan has deliberate schemes for ensnaring the believer, and we must not become so busy that we lose the sense of the very presence of our blessed Lord. It was Charles Hadden Spurgeon who said, "Holiness is happiness."

Assured of the Living Hope we realize our relationships here are based on Scriptural admonishings: "Have fervent charity among yourselves," and add ". . . to brotherly kindness charity" (I Pet. 4:8; II Pet. 1:7). This word "charity" translated "love" inclines people to forgive and forget offenses against themselves. This love makes every effort to conceal the sins of the beloved, rather than aggravate and spread them abroad. There are real blessings in loving those who are weak and have been guilty of many evil things before conversion. It is for us to love, and not speak maliciously of other believers.

"Wherefore laying aside all malice . . . and evil speakings" (I Pet. 2:1), we must fervently love one another. We will not give vent to words that would injure other Christians. We look with disgust upon a child who speaks evil of his parents, and so we feel toward Christians who carry out this evil toward other believers. There will be an absence of gossip and evil speaking among saints when there is "charity among yourselves."

Every WMC activity and endeavor needs to be weighed in the light of the Living Hope. Are we rejoicing amidst trials? Is our conversation honest and holy to those outside the church, other members of the church, our own councils, and to us individually? Is there "charity among yourselves?" We are Women Manifesting Christ, but how is it accomplished? Remember our WMC purpose is twofold: To promote the cause of home and foreign missionary work; and secondly, To deepen the spiritual life of the women by Bible study, prayer, and witnessing. We believe this twofold purpose is Scriptural and will keep alive our Living Hope constantly. We therefore commend you for your missionary emphasis and devotional meetings that deepen spiritual growth. We also express appre-

ciation and approval for the special missionary conferences conducted this past year. We suggest that all councils search the possibility of additional missionary and spiritual emphasis this coming year.

The Living Hope Abstains From False Teachers

Our Christian life must seem strange to friends and relatives. Once there was happiness in the enjoyment the world gave, now our backs are turned on these things. What can all this mean?

"Be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear" (I Pet. 3: 15). It is our responsibility to know and be able to tell the reason of the hope within us. The false teachers enmeshed in the clutches of false cults zealously knock at doors, stand on street corners, give sacrificially to spread abroad their beliefs through the printed page and teachers. We must not only know the reason of our hope, but also be able to point out perilous error.

The last verse of the second epistle reads, "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." Ignorance of the Word of God is the reason many follow false teachers. According to Matthew Henry, those in the greatest danger of being led astray into error are the "unstable." Those whose hearts are not established with grace are easily turned to false teachings and apostasy. "These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest" (II Pet. 2:17). In both cases the expectations are in vain, for false teachers are themselves ignorant and empty.

False teachers are skillful in promoting error, and crowds still follow enticing words. Therefore, we must be intelligent and diligent Christians, watching against those that would ensnare and bewilder us.

Our WMC had reprinted the tract "Do You Know What These Religions Teach?" Let us covenant together to pray that as our councils distribute these tracts this year, God will use them to point many away from false doctrines, and lead to the One who is the way, the truth, and the life.

There always have been and will be teachers who love to exploit their own theories (I Pet. 2:1-9). Therefore we must be steadfast always. We are weak creatures, and the forces around us so powerful that we need to encourage one another. We cannot even hold a rope without the tendency to relax. There must be a conscious and repeated tightening of the hold. So, we too need repeated and systematic tightenings on the hold of the truths of God's Word "That we henceforth be no more children tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive" (Eph. 4:14). Does it ever occur to you while working at home, in the office, or shop that we must be steadfast and recognize the perils of false teachers? The Apostle Peter points out two basic errors of false teachers: First, the denial of the person and deity of the Lord Jesus Christ; and secondly, the denial of His second coming.

Our emphasis upon regular and systematic study of the Bible, prayer time, ministry of tracts, and witnessing is imperative for us that we will abstain from the perils of false teachers.

The Living Hope Obtains Our Reserved Inheritance

We fail to see the greatness of the present unless it is regarded as the vestibule of the future. When any small object is held close to the eyes, even the sun is blotted from view. So we are prone to let the trifles of earth mar our view of things eternal, our reserved inheritance.

This reserved inheritance is incorruptible like its maker—God. It is also undefiled. There will be no place for sin and misery. Also it fadeth not away. It will retain its beauty without weariness or distaste. This is the place reserved for us until we obtain our possession of it.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is the foundation for our Living Hope, and the assurance of obtaining our reserved inheritance. "If children, then heirs" (Rom. 8: 17); God giveth His gifts unto all, but His inheritance to only His children. In this life we do not always live to obtain our earthly inheritance, but this is not true of our eternal inheritance. Not only is it reserved for us, but we are kept for it. The certainty of this reserved inheritance is realized not because of what we are, but because of what He is. The songwriter, Hattie E. Buell, has expressed it well when she wrote:

"A tent or a cottage, why should I care?
They're building a palace for me over there;
Tho' exiled from home; yet still I may sing:
All glory to God, I'm a child of the King."

A great mountain in Central Africa can be seen only in the early morning. It is invisible the rest of the day because clouds conceal it from earth's view. This strikes home as we remember that in calm weather when all goes well for us, we view "the city which hath foundations." Then the driving storms enter our life, and our view of that distant city grows dim.

A tried faith is more precious than that of gold. "That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ" (I Pet. 1: 7). Gold is the most durable, valuable, pure, and useful of all metals. So is faith among Christian virtues. Gold tried with fire bring forth purification, separation of the dross, and a discovery of the soundness and goodness of it; the trying of our faith should bring forth the same qualities. Afflictions are designed for the trial of faith. Let us consider them "precious" when compared with the glory of heaven.

Anticipating our reserved inheritance arouses real joy within our hearts. So it is that Christianity was born in a song while the angels sang over the plains of Bethlehem announcing the coming of the Messiah. The song has accompanied Christianity for over twenty centuries. No

church service is complete without a hymnal, and think what a difference well-planned music makes in our WMC monthly devotional meetings. The climax of all this song will be the Hallelujah Chorus in heaven.

"To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time" (I Pet. 1:4-5). Glorious Hope!

PEN POINTER NEWS

When your *new officers* meet to plan the work of the year, be sure to use the Pen Pointer "How To," which gives the duties of all officers and committee chairmen.

The Program Committee will want to note the suggestions given—let us have the BEST WMC programs we have ever had. It takes a bit of planning—use every method possible to give color to your meetings.

The Membership Committee might be surprised to read what an important work there is for this committee to do. Read all about it in "How To."

TO THE NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—You should study Pen Pointer "Pattern" and thoroughly come to understand the connection between the local, district and national WMC.

Mrs. Leo Polman

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Today's Neighbor

By Mrs. James Sweeton
Johnstown, Pennsylvania

Jesus taught us, in the parable of the Good Samaritan, that our true neighbor is *anyone in need.* But, I have discovered that today's neighbors do not show their need so obviously as the man set upon by robbers. As a matter of fact, they are expert at covering up their needs, for theirs are usually needs of the heart and soul rather than of the body. My experience has been that we often take appearances at face value when the fact is that beneath that "cool and collected" outside, there lurks a heavy heart.

Today's neighbor is—more often than not—a *religious neighbor.* I cannot think of one woman in any community in which we have lived who was irreligious. Usually they were church members, and many times were quite active (and apparently quite happy) in church work. Seldom is there any outward show of the fact that their "Christian" experience is unsatisfactory, or that they are greatly disappointed in their "faith."

This knowledge only comes after we have taken the time to become a trusted friend whom they know is interested in them, not only as a "soul," but also as a person. And it only comes after it has become certain that we can keep a confidence as something sacred. But if we are willing to take the time, and make the effort, and show the interest that it requires, witnessing to today's neighbor can be a most blessed experience, and by God's grace we can see many of the women in our communities come to the Saviour.

I am sure that it is not pleasing to the Lord when we pass "on the other side" scores of needy homes on our way to church to pray for the lost in foreign fields. What about the lost next door, and across the street, and around the corner? Who will pray for them? Should not all those around us someday be able to say: "I, too, had a Christian neighbor"?

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS FOR NOVEMBER

AFRICA—

Mrs. J. P. Kliever November 12
B.P. 240, Bangui, Central African Republic

Rev. Donald F. Miller November 13
Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic

Rev. George E. Cone November 16
Bossembele via Bangui, Central African Republic

ARGENTINA—

Rev. Hill Maconaghy November 25
c/o Rev. Solon Hoyt, Chiclana 1074, Don Bosco, F.C.G.R., Argentina, S. A.

MEXICO—

Rev. A. L. Howard November 7
406 Mary Avenue, Calexico, California, U.S.A.

IN THE UNITED STATES—

Miss Mary Beth Munn November 3
Star Route 2, Port Townsend, Washington

Rev. C. B. Sheldon November 8
730-B Gaviota Avenue, Long Beach, California

Rev. Edward Miller November 11
221 Cloverdale Avenue, Modesto, California

National WMC Objectives and Recommendations

NATIONAL WMC RECOMMENDATIONS

WE RECOMMEND

1. That a consecration service be held annually in each local council to renew membership.

2. That each local president endeavor to attend district meetings and National WMC Conference, her council aiding in expenses if at all possible.

3. That we send good usable clothing to the following missions; each local council to be responsible for entire expense: Taos, New Mexico—Adult and Children's clothing—parcel post to: Sam Horney, Box 1531, Taos, New Mexico. Motor Freight: Sam Horney, Box 1531, Taos, New Mexico.

Brethren *Navajo Mission—Children's Cotton clothing ONLY*—(up to 15 yrs.) parcel post: Brethren Navajo Mission, Star Route, Cuba, New Mexico. Express Motor Freight: Brethren Navajo Mission, Star Route, Cuba, New Mexico.

Albuquerque, New Mexico—Adult and Children's clothing. parcel post or Motor Freight to: Rev. Robert Salazar, 153 Pueblo Luna Drive, N.W., Albuquerque, New Mexico.

4. That officers in the local councils be elected in June, installed in July, and take office at the August meeting. The statistical reports compiled by the retiring president must be in the hands of the district president by July 1.

5. That each council promote the evangelization of children, encouraging each woman to assist in Sunday school, Vacation Bible School, children's Bible classes, and so forth.

6. That the women in each council continue to show an INCREASED interest in the SMM in all possible ways, such as prayer, work projects, financial help, *and a willingness to serve in an advisory capacity.*

7. That all local and district councils use *BRETHREN talent and support Brethren works.*

8. That the women of each council be encouraged to read and use the Pen Pointers to every possible advantage.

9. That each WMC member be urged to be a faithful steward of the money God has entrusted to her (see Phil. 4:17.)

10. That each council purchase and use the following books. Books may be purchased from the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, Winona Lake, Indiana.

Books Recommended:

250 YEARS . . . CONQUERING FRONTIERS (Kent, Homer A. $3. Brethren Missionary Herald, 1958.)

A stimulating and informative history of the background, origins, and development of our own Brethren church. This book should be familiar to every Brethren woman.

MUFFLED DRUMBEATS IN THE CONGO. (Deans, William A. $2.25 Moody Press, 1961.)

A moving account of the Congo in transition with emphasis on the part Belgian colonial policy and Christian missions had in shaping events. We get a first-hand picture of the tense experiences as missionaries prepare to evacuate stations to which they have devoted many years of their lives.

WOMEN WHO MADE BIBLE HISTORY. (Ockenga, Harold J. $3.50 Zondervan, 1962).

Short character sketches of twenty familiar Bible women presented in a manner to challenge and encourage Christian women of today.

NATIONAL WMC OBJECTIVES FOR LOCAL COUNCILS 1962-1963

1. REGULAR BIBLE READING AND STUDY

First Choice: The entire Bible in 1962-63 (three chapters a day, five on Sunday).

Second Choice: I and II Peter, plus the use of the Scripture provided each day in the Brethren Booklet "Daily Devotions."

Third Choice: Bible Reading of your own choosing.

2. FAMILY DEVOTIONS

The establishment of daily family devotions in every home. We suggest the use of the Brethren booklet "Daily Devotions." The local prayer chairman should be responsible for the family worship emphasis in the local council.

3. PRAYER EMPHASIS

We urge a special time of prayer on the 15th day of the month, using prayer helps provided by our denomination. Each council enlisting prayer warriors from the congregation.

4. SOUL-WINNING

Our goal—every woman a witness and a soul-winner. A systematic visitation and tract distribution program is urged. The local tract chairman keeping a record of tracts used, and the prayer chairman keeping the record of all souls saved; that is, Child Evangelism, VBS, Sunday School, SMM, et cetera.

5 MONTHLY MEETINGS

A minimum of twelve (12) devotional meetings using the Brethren WMC programs.

6. DISTRICT PROJECTS AND RALLIES

As a means of promoting individual growth and enthusiasm for the WMC work, each council take part in the district projects and stress attendance at the rallies.

7. MAJOR OFFERINGS

Please send all monies to the National Financial Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. Robert Ashman—602 Chestnut Avenue, Winona Lake, Indiana.

(1) September, October, November—Home Missions, $3500. Send before December 10, 3d year of the three-year project. Finishing and equipping the dormitory at the Indian Mission.

(2) December, January, February—Christian Education Offering, $3500. Send before March 10. One-half toward furnishing of kitchen appliances for new college dormitory. One-fourth to Brethren Youth Council for general expense. One-fourth to National Sunday School Board for general expense.

(3) March, April, May—Foreign Missions, $3500. Send before June 10. The second year of a project to liquidate the debt on the new Missionary Residence.

(4) June, July, August—General and Publication Fund, $3500. Send before September 10.

(5) Thank offering for Brethren Jewish Missions. Send before June 10. We urge the use of the synagogue banks for the Penny-a-day per-member offering. (Secure banks from the Brethren Home Missions Council.)

(6) Birthday offering to be received during the year for the support of WMC missionaries. Send before June 10. Birthday missionaries for 1962-1963 are:

1. Miss Bertha Abel
2. Mrs. James Marshall
3. Mrs. Marvin Goodman
4. Mrs. Bill Burk

DISTRICT WMC OBJECTIVES 1962-1963

1. Each district is encouraged to recognize those reading the entire Bible through within a year.

2. Every district represented on the national board at National Conference by the president or alternate. It is suggested that expenses, wholly or in part, be paid by the district.

3. A four-minute achievement report to be given at national board meeting, the retiring president to be responsible for a written report which will be read by the presiding officer.

4. That the district project chairman cooperate with the national project chairman toward one display for the National Conference.

5. The district president shall promote the organization of a WMC in every Brethren church in her district.

6. Each district shall sponsor at least one project—said project to be CLEARED THROUGH THE NATIONAL FIRST VICE PRESIDENT TO AVOID DUPLICATION. Each district has the privilege of keeping the project within the district.

7. All district offerings for National Brethren works shall be sent to the national financial secretary-treasurer.

8. Each district shall contribute an annual free-will offering to be used toward the furnishing and repair of the foreign Missionary Residences at Winona Lake, Indiana. This offering shall be sent to the national financial secretary-treasurer by June 30 and shall be used as the committee in charge sees the need.

9. Each district president shall receive the local annual statistical reports and shall compile the district statistical report to be sent to the national secretary by July 20.

10. Each district president shall stress the importance of using the BRETHREN WMC program packets in the local councils to foster unity among us.

11. SMM shall be represented on the district WMC conference program. Each district WMC shall give financial assistance, if possible, that their district SMM patroness or president may attend National Conference.



KEEP LOOKING UP

My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.
Psalms 5:3

GIRLS IN NEW MEXICO



By Miss Celina Mares

For girls, the minute you mention a country, the vision of its people comes to mind and with this the question: "How do they dress?" This month the interest is directed toward Taos, New Mexico.

New Mexico indeed has a variety of people, and you would certainly expect as many different types of dress. Taos, located in the northern part of the State, offers quite a mixture of dress. It is the home of a tribe of Pueblo Indians, a later homesite for the early Spaniards with a continual flow of artists and writers, even Texans who feel the need of being hemmed in by the beautiful mountains that surround the valley.

Those living here first were the Indians. In the early days of the Spanish settlement these healthy red-skinned girls must have been garbed in fringed deerskin outfits. Later the women and girls were always fully clad in their printed two piece outfits of skirt and long-sleeved blouse. Beautiful white deerskin knee-length boots added to their extremely modest apparel. They never exposed their legs or arms, only their face and hands. Their jackets or coats consisted of woolen shawls for winter and cotton ones for summer. These were wrapped around their heads and draped over their shoulders. It is a much more sensible arrangement than ours, for it keeps the cold out of their ears and neck!

Indian girls today are influenced by the present-day mode and not infrequently you see them in short-sleeved blouses, ankle length moccasins and even barelegged. Their modesty in general, though, is a challenge to the rest of us Americans. The Indians love colors. If you would view a group at school, or any gathering, you would immediately think of October with its many and varied shades of yellow, rust, and red.

These are the Taos Indians located just two miles from our Taos Mission. They are not to be confused with the Navajos on the other side of the mountains at Counselor's Post.

The Spanish moved in later, and their influence altered Indian garb. Blankets were, no doubt, introduced by them since they were able weavers. Today there is little left of any particular type of Spanish dress except what is used for the fiestas. At such a time you would see a mixture and carry-over of the Navajo gathered skirt.

These have become popular in all groups and are made at home or in special shops. They are made in multicolored prints used for both blouse and skirt. There may also be a combination of a plain blouse matching any of the colors in the skirt. Others are trimmed excessively with silver or gold rickrack and varied-colored tape. The skirt is made quite full, ordinarily with three tiers, each one fuller than the one next to the band. It is pressed into tiny pleats giving it the effect of an accordion. This is quite an art since each pleat must be pinched in and followed to the bottom of the hem by using the forefingers and thumbs. It is left on a board to dry. The side seams are then sewn together and it is ready to wear for a number of times before it needs to be pleated again.

At one time the top was made of velvet held at the waist with a huge Concha belt. This top with the belt is definitely of Navajo influence. The belt was made of leather with

oblong or round silver discs set with turquoise hooked on and spaced evenly around the belt with a matching buckle. Now you find the belts in various sizes in turquoise, silver, and even copper. Almost everyone wears something similar to the original.

As for a fiesta dress, it is not uncommon to find one in every girl's closet. Even the tiniest girl will have hers fully decorated. These are worn for any occasion. The prints without much trim are indeed practical.

The Anglos moved in still later and without question they brought changes to the other two groups; but as far as modesty of dress, it remained almost intact until World War II. Since then there has been a definite tendency toward all the extremes known to the rest of America with all its modern trends.

Mothers may protest and grandmothers shake their fingers and say: "We never dressed like that!" But their growing daughters and granddaughters go ahead and insist on having the loudest prints in toreador pants and snuggest pedal pushers. Grandma may still boast her well-guarded years and really be stalwart for her seventieth birthday, but she nearly fainted when her grandchild came out in short shorts this past summer; hence, the proof of outside influence in dress and similarity to the world once foreign to this secluded valley is seen.

In the same family where the older sisters were not allowed to wear jeans around the farm or at home, the younger sisters now even wear them to school. Permission from the school is all that alters the situation now.

Girls waiting for the school bus at any bus stop of the fourteen communities surrounding Taos dress just like you do from California to Florida. They may bundle up a little more for five months of the school year because of the colder climate since being located in the midst of the mountains and elevated to nearly 7,000 feet above sea level.

Girls here too are inclined to dress to please. For the most part, whether they admit it or not, they want to please some particular fellow and usually they seek to be admired, or even loved, and have special attention from him.

As Christian girls joining with one another across the Nation to honor the Father in every phase of your lives, the challenge comes from the Word: "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?" (I Cor. 3:16). If you are His then He ought to have a "say-so" about your manner of dress, and it ought to meet His approval. Does it pass the test of modesty? Just when we least expect, styles change and the extremes are not fitting for a Christian girl. Do you aim to please HIM who loves you more than anyone else in the world? His love for you is beyond compare and you can return a little of that love in the way you dress.

The world has its eye on you as Christian girls, you may not come out in the fashion magazines but note is taken of you as though a camera were constantly focused upon you. What kind of a picture do you present? Sound advice is to look neither shabby nor showy, but to "Let our manner of life [even in dress] be worthy of the Gospel of Christ" (Phil. 1:27 ASV).

NOOZ FROM YOOZ

BEAVER CITY, NEBRASKA—The public meeting seems to stand out the most in the minds of the middler girls. Four Middlers and four Juniors had completed their requirements for membership. They sponsored the showing of "Dark River." The girls had offering boxes in which they accepted gifts for "Operation SMM."

ROANOKE, VIRGINIA — The Hollins SMM are continuing their yearly "Penny Partner" campaign to raise money for the building fund of their church. They are also collecting savings stamps with which to purchase kitchen utensils for the new dormitory at Grace College.

CANTON, OHIO—The Senior SMM had three special projects this past year. At Christmas they raised money for the Navajos through a "card and package post office." The girls delivered cards and packages for members of the church and received the money that would have been used for stamps. It was very profitable. Later they painted the church kitchen trays. The Seniors and Middlers held a fashion show together with a surprise birthday party for the pastor's wife.

WAYNESBORO, PENNSYLVANIA—From the First Brethren Church the Middler and Senior girls played a softball game with the Boys Christian Service Brigade. Wonderful fellowship was enjoyed by all.

(SMM Editor's Note: Thanks, girls, for all your post-card news items. Keep them coming. Be sure to include your interesting projects and activities.)

Prayer Requests

Pray that each girl will dress in accordance with God's will, remembering that her body is God's temple.

Pray that the Holy Spirit will guide each girl in her schoolwork, and that she will put Christ first throughout each day's activities.

Pray especially for your new national officers. May our Father guide and direct the entire year's work that it may be profitable and lasting.

SMM NATIONAL OFFICERS

President—Joyce Ashman, 602 Chestnut St., Winona Lake, Ind.

Vice President—Linda Moore, c/o Brethren Youth Council, Box 617, Winona Lake, Ind.

General Secretary—Paulette Macon, c/o Brethren Youth Council, Box 617, Winona Lake, Ind.

Treasurer—DeAnna Caldwell, c/o Brethren Youth Council, Box 617, Winona Lake, Ind.

Editor—Rosalie Ash, c/o Brethren Youth Council, Box 617, Winona Lake, Ind.

Literature Secretary—Nancy McMunn, c/o Brethren Youth Council, Box 617, Winona Lake, Ind.

Program Chairman—Mrs. Tom Inman, 590 S. Dale Ct., Denver 19, Colo.

Patroness—Mrs. Ted Henning, 8399 Middlebranch Ave., N.E., Middlebranch, Ohio.

Ass't. Patroness—Mrs. Ralph Hall, R.R. 3, Warsaw, Ind.

1962-1963 SMM Offerings, Goals, Recommendations

SMM OFFERINGS FOR 1962-1963

1.	June–August (due Sept. 10) Operation SMM		$1,000
2.	September–November (due Dec. 10) Home Missions		1,000
	Support of LaDonna Smith		
3.	December–February (due March 10) Christian Education		1,000
	Youth Council–office equipment	$400	
	Grace–dorm room	400	
	Sunday School–general expense	200	
		$1,000	
4.	April (due May 10) Birthday Offering		1,000
5.	March–May (due June 10) Foreign Missions		1,000
	Higher Education of Missionaries' Children	$500	
	Motor Scooter–Icoraci, Brazil	500	
		$1,000	

LOCAL ORGANIZATION GOALS

Dates must be postmarked no later than specified date

1. At least one cabinet meeting in the fall and one in the spring. The fall meeting to be for program and overall planning, and the spring one for evaluation of your own group.

2. At least one post-card item sent to the national SMM editor using the following suggested schedule, if possible:

November 1—Mid-Atlantic and Northern Ohio

December 1—East and Midwest

January 1—Indiana and Northern California

February 1—Michigan and Southeast

March 1—Allegheny and Iowa

April 1—Northern Atlantic and Northwest

May 1—Southern Ohio and Southern California-Arizona

June 1—Foreign Mission points with SMM's

3. All National Offerings sent in by the specified date.

4. Return the statistical blanks, one to the district secretary and one to the district patroness by July 1. Keep the third one for the local files.

5. That each girl purchase her own handbook at five cents each for Little Sisters and Juniors, and ten cents each for Middlers and Seniors. These may be ordered from the national SMM literature secretary.

Local Notes

1. All Sisterhoods meeting all local organization goals will be recognized as honor SMM's by their district.

2. That each local SMM group ask the local WMC to provide extra women besides the assistant patroness, to become acquainted and help with SMM activities.

3. That local SMM's order additional copies of the WMC number of the Brethren Missionary Herald.

4. Martha Goal No. 1 be sent as soon as completed to the National SMM, c/o Brethren Youth Council, Box 617, Winona Lake, Indiana.

DISTRICT ORGANIZATION GOALS

1. A district project.

2. A display of some activity carried out through the year to be presented at National Conference.

3. District secretary send two statistical reports to the district patroness to be checked, and the patroness in turn will send one to the national general secretary by July 15. Keep the other one for her file.

4. District help their president or girl representative in coming to early board meetings ($15 or more, considering the distance).

District Notes

1. That all districts meeting all district goals be recognized as honor districts.

2. The honor districts having the highest per capita giving to the national, district, and local will receive the honor plaque.

3. That the district patroness contact newly organized churches that they might receive the SMM materials which will help them organize their group.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That we disregard the present National SMM Constitution and follow the present Patroness Handbook until a new constitution is adopted.

2. That we request the Planning Committee with Mrs. Gerald Polman as chairman to organize and construct a new SMM Constitution following completion of the third-year goals.

3. That a new office of national SMM program chairman be created. She shall be a patroness.

4. That Mrs. Tom Inman be appointed national SMM program chairman.

5. That the 1963-1964 devotional program be completed and in the hands of the national SMM program chairman by December 31, 1962.

6. That the devotional program committee for 1964-1965 be from the Indiana District with Mrs. Scott Weaver as chairman. And that a skeleton outline of the devotional program be sent to the National SMM program chairman by December 31, 1962.

7. That DeAnna Caldwell be appointed National SMM treasurer for 1962-1963.

8. That Paulette Macon be appointed national SMM secretary for 1962-1963.

9. That Rosalie Ash be appointed national SMM editor for 1962-1963. .

10. That Nancy McMunn be appointed national SMM literature secretary for 1962-1963. That all supplies and awards be ordered from her.

11. That a love gift of $25 be given to all national officers. That mileage of four cents a mile, one way only, be given to those attending National Conference.

12. That the national board meet previous to conference 1963 and each member receive $5 per working day present.

13. That Mrs. Carl Miller, chairman of the "Idea Book" committee, continue in this capacity for the year 1962-1963.

14. That SMM be presented to the church in a special service sometime during the month of April. This should be done in cooperation with the pastor and the church program.

15. That the awards for the Personal Goals be as follows:

For memorization of a Book:

1. $7.50 toward an SMM sweater.

2. $7.50 toward National Youth conference.

3. $7.50 toward material ordered from the Missionary Herald.

4. Key Necklace.

For Seniors reading the Bible through:

1. The Amplified New Testament or a Christian Book at the same price $3.95.

SUGGESTED PROGRAM FOR OCTOBER

Bible Study:
"Keep Looking Up . . . in Surrender"

Memory Verse:
Romans 12:1

Emblem:
Body

Mission Study:
"Looking to Jesus . . . in Taos, New Mexico"

DATELINE



MEMBER EPA EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION

LANSING, MICH. Rev. and Mrs. J. Ward Tressler and family were surprised by the Grace Brethren Church here on Aug. 19 with the presentation of three large boxes of groceries as a welcome home from vacation and National Conference.

GREENTOWN, OHIO. The Northern Ohio Brethren laymen sponsored a Labor Day celebration at Ohio Community Park here Sept. 3. A family style picnic supper plus games, sports, contests, singspiration, and testimonies made the outing a success.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. Emmit D. Adams, formerly missionary to prisoners in Puerto Rico and now working at the Los Angeles Rescue Mission, is holding special meetings in many churches of Southern California. His personal testimony is "From crime to Christ." He was converted from drunkenness, dope, and highway robbery to a vital relationship with Christ. He desires to hold meetings in any churches interested in his ministry. Since the first of June, Brother Adams has held 42 services with 82 decisions as a result.

AKRON, OHIO. Charles Turner, pastor of the First Brethren Church, Rittman, Ohio, will hold a special conference on the development of the modern nation of Israel in the light of Bible prophecy at the First Brethren Church here during Sept. 14-16. Russell Ogden is pastor.

AKRON, OHIO. Dr. Harold Etling, national director of Brethren Sunday School Board, will be the featured speaker at the Christian Education Conference at Goss Memorial Church here Sept. 9-11. The conference is sponsored by the evangelical churches of Akron and vicinity.

BOWLING GREEN, OHIO. The Brethren Ministers of the Northern Ohio District are spearheading a mission project aimed at establishing a Brethren testimony here under the direction of Marion R. Thomas. During October 21-28, a Brethren evangelistic crusade will be held in the St. Mark Lutheran Church building which is for sale. Dr. Harold Etling, Winona Lake, Ind.; Dr. Miles Taber, Ashland, Ohio; Rev. Thomas Hammers, Fremont, Ohio; Rev. Gerald Teeter, Findlay, Ohio; and Rev. Galen Lingenfelter, Elyria, Ohio, will be the evangelistic speakers during this series of meetings. Prayer is requested for the success of this mission venture.

WINONA LAKE, IND. Charles Ashman, Jr., pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Phoenix, Ariz., has accepted the unanimous call to become pastor of the Winona Lake Brethren Church. Brother Ashman will assume his new duties Nov. 4.

WOOSTER, OHIO. The Annual Fall Youth Retreat for the youth of First Brethren Church will be held Sept. 14-16 at Camp Luz. The National Brethren Youth Team, (Dave Hocking, Jim Custer, John Schumacher) and Rev. and Mrs. Tom Julien from our field in France, will bring the spiritual impact and challenge to the young people. Kenneth Ashman is pastor.

MIDDLEBRANCH, OHIO. There were 400 people in attendance at the closing VBS program held at First Brethren Church on Aug. 5. Wesley Haller was director.

LA VERNE, CALIF. Rev. Edward Fredrick, director of International Missions, was the guest speaker at First Brethren Church Aug. 19. Dr. Elias D. White is pastor.

NOTICE. The 1963 National Fellowship of Brethren Churches will be held at Winona Lake, Ind. during Aug. 12-18.

FREMONT, OHIO. The National Brethren Youth Team from Winona Lake, Ind. will hold special services at the Grace Brethren Church during Sept. 28-30. Thomas Hammers, pastor.

BEAUMONT, CALIF. Gene Farrell, former pastor of the Cherry Valley Brethren Church and presently engaged in an independent faith ministry known as Missionary Tapes, was guest speaker here Aug. 26. Wendell E. Kent, pastor.

GOSHEN, IND. Guest speakers at Grace Brethren Church during August were Ward A. Miller, Whittier, Calif; William Carl Miller, Harrah, Wash.; and R. Paul Miller, Jr., Mansfield, Ohio. These Brethren pastors are the sons of Dr. and Mrs. R. Paul Miller.

HARRAH, WASH. Fred W. Kinzie, retired Brethren minister, was guest speaker at the Harrah Brethren Church on Aug. 19. W. Carl Miller is pastor.

LANSING, MICH. David Lawson, new registrar of Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Ill., was the guest speaker at Grace Brethren Church on Aug. 19. J. Ward Tressler, pastor.

VANDALIA, OHIO. All mail for the Vandalia Grace Brethren Church should be sent to the pastor's home, Rev. Sherwood Durkee, 432 Randler Dr., Vandalia, Ohio.

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 30 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Church	*Date*	*Pastor*	*Speaker*
Ashland, Ohio	Sept. 9-16	Miles Taber	Nathan Meyer
Kittanning, Pa.	Sept. 9-23	Wm. Schaffer	Leo Polman
Flora, Ind.	Sept. 12-23	Lee Dice	Bob Collitt
Hagerstown, Md.	Sept. 16-23	Wm. Howard	Bill Smith
Kettering, Ohio	Sept. 18-30	Henry Barnhart	B. Schneider
Meyersdale, Pa.	Sept. 24-30	Wm. Snell	Bob Collitt
Dayton, Ohio (First)	Sept. 30-Oct. 4		Nathan Meyer
Hagerstown, Md.	Sept. 30-Oct. 7	Warren Tamkin	Bill Smith

THE PEACE OF GOD

(Philippians 4:5-7)

BY

DR. CHARLES H. ASHMAN, SR.

As the Prophet Elijah needed to be still and keep still so that the Lord could speak to him in "the still small voice," so today we need to pass through the same experience. We rush and hurry, leap and run, push and pull today until the Lord cannot find us still enough to speak to our spiritual senses. Amid all this confusion and turmoil comes the command: "Be still, and know that I am God." "The Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him." "Come ye apart . . . and rest a while."

Selah

We have read different renderings of the meaning of the word "selah," which we find here and there in the Book of Psalms. Some have said it might mean "Think of that!" They think it is a kind of an exclamation sign. Others have thought it may have the same place as the word "amen." But one writer has suggested that it is intended to be a "pause." Just stop, be still, pause, meditate on what you have read. Be still long enough for the Holy Spirit to speak in the still small voice, "the sound of a gentle stillness."

Even in our "Bible reading," it would be well to stop, be still, pause, so that the Author of the Scriptures might have the chance to illuminate our spiritual understanding. It is not how much of the Scriptures we get over, but how much of the Scriptures are hid in our hearts that really counts. We are told that you should never read the word "selah" when you are reading the Book of Psalms. But we do need to practice it. Pause! Be still! Listen! Let the Holy Spirit speak!

"When Thou Hast Shut the Door"

The best place to practice "selah" is within the secret closet of prayer. The Lord commanded us to enter the closet, shut the door, and pray to the Father which is in secret (see Matt. 6:6). Yes; this is literal language, not merely figurative. In contrast to the Pharisees which sought the public place so as to be seen and heard of men, we are to literally seek the secret place so as to be seen and heard of God. God is not confined to selected places, it is true, but whenever and wherever a soul sincerely seeks Him, He is there and that to bless. Yet there are certain places where it is easier for the Holy Spirit to speak than others, and there is a special place where it is the easiest for Him to speak—the secret closet.

The Peace of God

Many a soul has been reconciled to God, become the possessor of "peace with God" through Jesus Christ our peace, but is living destitute of the "peace of God, which passeth all understanding" (Phil. 4:7). They lack that spiritual quietness and confidence, that spiritual tranquility and calmness of soul which the world cannot give nor take away. "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the

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"GO FORWARD!"

BY REV. THOMAS E. HAMMERS

Pastor, Grace Brethren Church
Fremont, Ohio

"Go Forward" is the command which God gave to Israel at that very crucial time when they found themselves trapped between the waters of the Red Sea and the pursuing Egyptian army.

Possibly a million Israelites were encamped there by the Red Sea some 3500 years ago. They had just taken their first big step toward freedom and the Promised Land.

Under Moses, God had liberated them from the tyranny and slavery suffered under Pharaoh. Loaded down with the tremendous wealth which the Egyptians had showered upon them as they left, they were now a free and happy people. Spirits were running high. But, their joys were short-lived as word reached them that Pharaoh and his army were in hot pursuit.

Realizing they were trapped, they panicked. They cried to God for help and charged Moses with having led them into the wilderness to be slaughtered. Far better, they reasoned, to have remained as slaves in Egypt, than to leave their bones to bleach on the wilderness sands.

Rallying the people, Moses commanded: "Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord . . . for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever. The Lord shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace" (Exod. 14:13-14).

But no sooner had Moses spoken, than God called to him: "Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel that they *go forward*" (Exod. 14:15).

And *forward they went* when God miraculously parted the waters of the Red Sea to take them safely through to the other side, only to return the water to their place to destroy the pursuing Egyptians.

At the crisis hour, when they obeyed God's command and began to go forward, God in turn did the impossible and delivered them from the hands of their enemy. What a comfort to know that we worship and serve the same God who specializes in things thought impossible.

For we too, are living in critical times, perilous times as Paul calls them, when we know not what the next hour may bring forth. In times when fifty and one hundred megaton bombs are doubtless sitting on launching pads at strategic points throughout the vast Soviet empire, aimed at the heart of America and every other nation that opposes their ruthless, godless, communistic conquest.

We are living in times when church membership and attendances have hit new highs, and American morals have plunged to new lows, when a mighty coalition of European nations in a great Common Market could very well be the forerunner of the long prophesied revived Roman Empire. When we see how paganism with its strange breed of many false

religions literally sweeps around the world while true Christianity moves at a snail's pace. We see a world government and a world church—now in the making—all join to herald the soon return of our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

These are times when churches across our land and around the world are uniting to form giant denominations numbering in the millions. We see how the ecumenical movement of the World Council of Churches is carrying their drive back into every local church possible. The Council is determined to break down every barrier that separates in order that all professing Christians might become one. The World Council of Churches is creating a giant religious organization embodying every conceivable brand of theological belief and unbelief, which will demand compromises with the Word of God. Many true believers in Christ will find these compromises impossible to accept.

Let us not be deceived into thinking this does not affect us. Already some are beginning to wonder what excuse there is for the continued existence of small denominations like our own. Why try to maintain our separate identity, why continue the painful struggle against such tremendous odds, why be out of step with the majority when it would be so much easier to be in step?

Maybe we need a refresher course in church history, lest we forget the tremendous price which men such as Zwingli, Luther, Calvin, Alexander Mack, John Wesley, and many more paid in order to preach the unadulterated Word of God. Despite all their shortcomings, these men did not take the stand they did purely for the sake of being separatists, but because of deep-seated Biblical convictions. Nor do we have any excuse for maintaining our separate identity except for those Biblical reasons which have already stood the test of time in our denomination.

Without a doubt, this is the most challenging and wonderful hour in world history. As Christians, it's great to be alive. Today we witness the accomplishments of dedicated men of science learning how to harness the tremendous powers which God has placed in this universe. These accomplishments should make us tremble at the impotence of our churches which claim to worship the God of the impossible—the God who said to Jeremiah: "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty [or incredible] things, which thou knowest not" (Jer. 33:3).

The same God, who through His dedicated servants in the Early Church was able to shake the very foundations of the Roman empire, is today looking for fully committed men and women through whom He might unleash the tremendous power of His Holy Spirit.

As God commanded the Israelites, so He commands us today—*"Go Forward!"* To go forward is the most aggressive, militant, all-out program of evangelism in our history. Christians should determine to carry the pure Gospel of Christ at all costs to as many precious souls as possible before Christ comes again.

Never have I been more firmly convinced than today that God has a mission for us to perform in the world.

The Peace . . .

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world giveth, give I unto you" (John 14:27). Many a Christian lacks this peace. "There is, in the deepest center of the soul, a chamber of peace where God [the Spirit] dwells, and where, if we will only enter in and hush every other sound, we can hear His still small voice." The Spirit is waiting in the silence, in the secret places, in the closet, to whisper peace into our soul.

Shut Out and Shut In

We cannot be shut in with God until we have shut out the world. There is a "plug" that you can purchase to "plug up" your ears so as to shut out all distracting noises. It is used by those who live near the terrible crashing noises of our modern cities. When they desire to study or even sleep, they plug out these noises. We must "plug out" the world, shut out its distracting voices, if we are to hear the "still small voice of the Holy Spirit" in the secret of God's presence. If we are to draw nigh unto God so that He might draw nigh unto us, if we are to come into that "place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God," we must learn to "shut out and shut in."

"I Don't Have Time"

Some preachers and many laymen say: "I just don't have time to draw apart. I just cannot take the time for prayer and meditation and to be still before the Lord." Many times, we have observed, these same persons are compelled to take time, usually flat on their back, for rest, relaxation, and spiritual quietness. "Take time to be holy" might be changed to "It takes time to be holy." "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength." Do you want to "run, and not be weary . . . walk and not faint" (Isa. 40:31)? Then take the time necessary "apart with God." Fellow ministers, we'll get more done for the Lord and do better work for Him, if we spend more time with Him than otherwise. Then too, let us remember that the Lord's servant must be cared for so that he might better care for the Lord's work.

Spiritual Winsomeness

I wonder if the emphasis which has been put on "Go" and "Do" in recent years has been overdone? With strong cryings and passionate insistence, with feverish activity and high-pressure methods, we have just about driven folks forth to "do the Lord's work." Sometimes I'm made to wonder, wonder, wonder if we do not need to teach the people to "draw apart" and "fast and pray." Instead of dynamic personality, fiery methods, passionate appeals, the spiritual winsomeness of the Early Church was found in her spirituality, peaceful calm, and steadfast tranquillity under every test and strain. This is one of the greatest needs of today among us and the Holy Spirit alone can produce it. Peace is an essential part of the "fruit of the Spirit."



Left to right: Carl Martin, Arthur Pedersen, Paul Guittar, Harvey Raidel, Merrald Dunlap, Clyde Davenport and George Owens.

Canton, Ohio Breaks Ground

BY REV. JOHN R. DILLING

Pastor, First Brethren Church

At 3 p.m. on Sunday, August 5, 1962, approximately one hundred members and friends of the First Brethren Church of Canton, Ohio, met at 6283 N. Market Avenue, on our new church property, to break ground for our new building with Rev. Lester Pifer as guest speaker. Mrs. Rose S. Byers, charter member of the church, representing the congregation, turned the first shovel of dirt. She used the same shovel which broke ground for the Grace College Dormitory. Pastor Dilling represented the spiritual ministry of the church when he turned his first shovelful of dirt. Brother Pifer represented the missionary outreach of our church. Dale Winkler, our Sunday-school superintendent, represented the educational aspect of our church. Albert Slagle turned his shovel of dirt on behalf of the ministry to the youth. The presidents of each organization in the church turned a shovel of dirt representing his organization. Finally, the board of trustees and building committee unitedly participated in breaking ground.

An unusual method of receiving an offering was employed as the people walked down an aisle and placed their offerings in a bucket which was buried in the ground. The aisle had been marked off by cord as it will be placed in the new building. The outline of the building, the carport, and the floor elevations had been designated by cords and stakes. This was done by Mr. Clyde Davenport, a member of the building committee. We received an offering of $194 for the building fund.

This move to a new building is another in a series of moves our church has made over the years as God has blessed and prospered the work. The church had its beginning in the P. M. Snyder home in 1902. As it grew, the church moved to the Stark County Court House in 1903, then

to the Municipal Court Room in City Hall until 1905. In 1905 it moved to the WCTU building in which the people worshiped until 1909. In 1909 the people erected a church building at the northeast corner of Tuscarawas and Schwalm. They worshiped here until 1926 at which time they built a new building at Second and Hartford, which the church now occupies. This building was sold for $25,000 on August 1, 1962. The new owners will take possession September 17, 1962. Until our new building is erected, we will be meeting in Plain Center School which is located near the site of the new building.

Our future building will be a two-floor building of conservative contemporary architecture, designed by Ralph Hall, home-missions architect. Each floor opens on ground level, and covers approximately 7,000 square feet each. The entire building will be brick veneer, accented with Granux and aluminum crosses. The approximate cost of the entire project will be $200,000. Construction is expected to be under way by September 1 and to take about seven months.

Among the many items for which we praise the Lord is the leading of the Lord and the direction and counsel of the Home Missions Council Secretary, Dr. L. L. Grubb. Our property is located in the fastest growing township in the State of Ohio. We have ten acres of land and a residence which we purchased for $29,500 in 1958, and which we paid for by January 1962. God's blessing and goodness were also evident when we opened our bids and found the cost to be $20,000 under the estimated cost of the architect. We have been able to secure without difficulty the final approval of our needed loan.

For all this we praise God!

The pictures were taken by Robert Meiser, a member of our church.



Pictured above is Pastor John Dilling and Mrs. Rose Byers.

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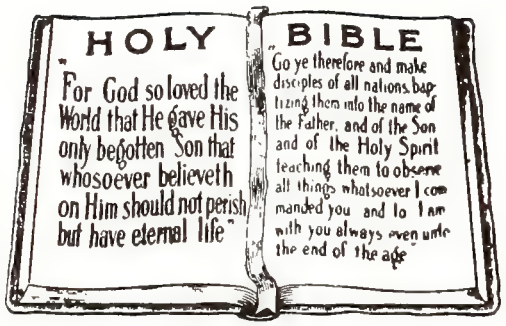
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HOW TO READ THE BIBLE

By Rev. Milo F. Jamison

Bible reading is basic! God's Word provides the food by which the spiritual life is sustained. Christ said: "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (Matt. 4:4). "Give attendance to reading" is the direct command found in I Timothy 4:13.

1. *Read first.* Remember it is the text of Scripture that is the Word of God; thus your primary emphasis should center in the prayerful, careful reading of the Scripture portion for the day. Human commentaries or explanations, whether written or given orally in a Bible class, radio message, or sermon, should be examined critically in the light of the truth of the infallible and inspired Word of God. These are days of apostasy when there are many "wolves in sheep's clothing" who would deceive and destroy the flock of God. Therefore it is of the utmost importance that we test by God's Word every teaching of every teacher (I John 4:1).

2. *Read prayerfully.* Only if your mind is under the control of the Holy Spirit of God will you understand the truth found in His Word (I Cor. 2:9-14). Therefore, always pray before you read: "Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law" (Ps. 119:18).

3. *Read regularly.* Lack of time may be the cause of neglecting many other things, but never allow yourself to give the excuse that you do not have time for regular Bible study. Far better miss a meal or an appointment with the dentist than to miss your daily appointment with God. You can save time, money, and innumerable mistakes by submitting your mind to God's Word before starting out to do the day's work. Another point to remember is that it is better to spend ten or fifteen minutes in Bible reading *every day* than to spend two or three hours all at one time once each week. The nobility of the Bereans was revealed "in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily" (Acts 17:11).

4. *Read early.* The best time for your Bible study is early in the morning before your thoughts become entangled in secular activities. However if you cannot read early in the day, carry pocket Scriptures with you so that you can read any time, anywhere, at your own convenience.

5. *Read thoughtfully.* Concentration of attention is essential if you would derive real help from your Bible reading. Bring your mind back to the meaning of the text when your thoughts begin to wander. As an aid to concentration, repeatedly ask yourself practical questions, such as "What is the lesson in this verse which I can apply to my life today?" It is when we thoughtfully apply and act upon such truth as is revealed to us that we are given greater understanding. "If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine" (John 7:17).

Mentally stimulating, and a valuable tonic which will do much to prevent worry, nervousness, and kindred mental ailments; *morally stabilizing,* driving out fear phobias and helping in the overcoming of sinful habits; and *spiritually sustaining* as it fills the thoughts with the lofty and holy truth of God, the Bible should be read daily.

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Editorials

By L. L. Grubb



Missions and Inflation

Does inflation have any effect on our potential to win souls to Christ? Is the missionary program of the church affected by it?

Inflation has hit the business of church extension so hard that some Christian groups have virtually stopped their activities in this area.

What is inflation? Many people use the word but would have difficulty explaining it. Very simply, *inflation is the increase of the money supply as related to the value of goods and services produced.* For instance, if we paid $5 for a good pair of shoes in 1940 and today we must pay $15 for the same quality pair of shoes—this is inflation. The money supply has increased in relation to the same merchandise. Prices increase as a result of inflation. Increased prices do not cause inflation.

According to our national constitution, the United States Government has complete control over the money supply in America. The Government is basically responsible for the whole problem of inflation which began back in the early 1930's. When the Government borrows more money, thus increasing the national debt, and floods the country with this money, inflation is the result. Each time you see an increase in the national debt almost inevitably you may expect an increase in prices.

We know just twenty-two years ago—1940—that which could be purchased for $1, today costs $2.60. In 1940 the public debt was $63 billion. Now it is $330 billion.

Who gets hurt by this sort of thing? Everybody! About the only benefits temporarily experienced are to political machines and big business. But a reckoning time is ahead even for these.

The work of Christ suffers immeasurably in such a process! Brethren Home Missions Council is dealt a severe blow by this economic monster.

In 1942-43 the offering for home missions was $50,000. In 1961 it was $215,000. This gave us an increase of $165,000. But it did not give us this increase in *value.* Our actual increase in value over twenty years was about $80,000. During this period, many new churches were added to our Fellowship, but this expansion has been greatly limited by the lack of *value dollars* to do the job.

It is when the actual process of establishing a church begins that inflation takes its toll. Church location costs are often *five* times higher than in 1942. Pastors' salaries have been increased and still are not as high as they should be. (The cost of living is at least *three* times higher.) Labor is *two* to *three* times above the 1942 level. Costs of operation including transportation, office operation, and so forth, are at least *twice* as high.

Unless God's people see what is happening and meet the need in the next decade, inflation could virtually kill each evangelical church extension program in our Nation. (It is ironic and tragic that modernistic denominations have money for church extension and are carrying on extensive programs in our large cities.)

Inflation is a very effective and subtle tool of Satan in limiting the church's growth. He especially has the help of the United States Government whose controls are gradually increasing in every area of our living today. When Satan stops the growth of the church, he has dealt a severe and sometimes fatal injury to each facet of Christian service. All other aspects of our Lord's work on earth are supported by local churches.

Are Brethren people going to give Satan the victory? Or will they rally to the banner of the Saviour and defeat this enemy of our souls? We believe the latter will be true!

Our Nation needs more Brethren churches because Brethren churches form a line of communication between the Saviour and lost souls. Jesus said: "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10). This is our job!

Remember inflation means that it takes MANY MORE dollars to do the job today than in 1942!

Are You Planning Ahead Financially?

Many Christians take no thought for the morrow financially!

They rejoice in the assurance of salvation and all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. They serve the Lord diligently and faithfully. They are soul-winners. Their hope for eternity is steadfast and sure! But, ask them: "Have you planned ahead financially?" They are perplexed by the question. They have no will. They may even have no heirs. No thought has been taken to determine what will happen to their estate when they have gone home to be with the Lord.

Surely the material possessions given by God to His children should be channeled into the Lord's service when they depart this life. While here they were careful

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COVER PHOTO—HOME MISSION ISSUE



Dr. L. L. Grubb, executive secretary of The Brethren Home Missions Council, studies an economic graph showing what has happened to your dollar given for Brethren home missions.

A Preview of Brethren Home Missions for 1963

A home-mission board meeting is always a stimulating experience, both for the board members and also for our missionaries who meet with us.

In spite of our financial problems the Lord continues to bless the work. Reports from our mission churches show that 613 souls found Christ as a personal Saviour this past year. *Five* new church buildings were dedicated and *four* churches became self-supporting. Considering that there still are forty-six missions on our list and many of these are in the early stages of their development, great responsibilities are upon us for the coming year.

The fourteen home-mission board members—seven ministers and seven laymen—literally exhaust themselves in long consideration of important decisions. Usually the greatest problem is to stretch the limited number of dollars to their maximum effectiveness.

Stringent limitations were placed on practically every aspect of the church extension and home-mission work. This was necessary because our offering of last year did not meet the budget. Some of these actions will hurt the efficiency and effectiveness of the work, but they cannot be avoided.

No new churches will be started or accepted where any financial responsibility is involved.

The plan to visit Brethren churches with home-mission slides will be limited to business trips into the different areas. Therefore, you may not have a home-mission representative in your church during the Thanksgiving Season.

Annual workshops for fellowship, inspiration, and instruction will be cancelled this year. This does not please our 113 home-missionaries, but it is necessary.

Seriously reduced budgets are planned for our home-mission projects in Navajoland, Kentucky, Spanish-American, and Jewish works.



Gene Witzky

The total budget has undergone extensive surgery in a reduction to about the minimum limit.

In addition to this, former policies have been re-affirmed and others established.

The financial limitation on church construction confines these buildings to small first units which are easily expandable.

Buildings may not be constructed where churches cannot pay the interest on their indebtedness locally.

The board is suggesting to all district organizations that they continue support of present home-mission points in their districts from district offerings and in cooperation with us until those churches are self-supporting.

New goals have been set for present churches to become self-supporting.

The local churches themselves have set a goal for a certain number of families to be won to Christ and added to the church this year. (A later issue of the *Missionary Herald* will carry this story).

A change in the board structure this year will give more representation for the churches. Both the executive secretary and the assistant secretary were made ex-officio members of the board with power to vote. The place vacated by the executive secretary on the board was filled by a pastor.

The new board member is Rev. Gene E. Witzky, pastor of the Ireland Road Brethren Church, South Bend, Indiana.

This is a significant event. Brother Witzky was born again in a former home-mission church, Grace Brethren in Mansfield, Ohio. The Holy Spirit led him into the Brethren ministry. After his training he became the first pastor of a new Brethren church in Mansfield, Ohio, Woodville Grace Brethren Church. From there he moved to another home-mission church which is his present pastorate and now a self-supporting and substantially growing institution. Next, Brother Witzky, by the vote of the corporation members, becomes a member of the Home Missions Council.

You see, it pays to give to Brethren home missions!

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to tithe and generously help the church. Is it not reasonable that their testimony for Christ should continue here on earth after death?

The Brethren Home Missions Council is doing the job God has designed—helping to establish new Bible-teaching churches in America. By giving us annuities, estates, special gifts, trust agreements, remembering us in your will, we can guarantee that your money will be used to preach the Word and win souls to Christ.

If you do not plan ahead there is a good chance that the State will get all you possess.

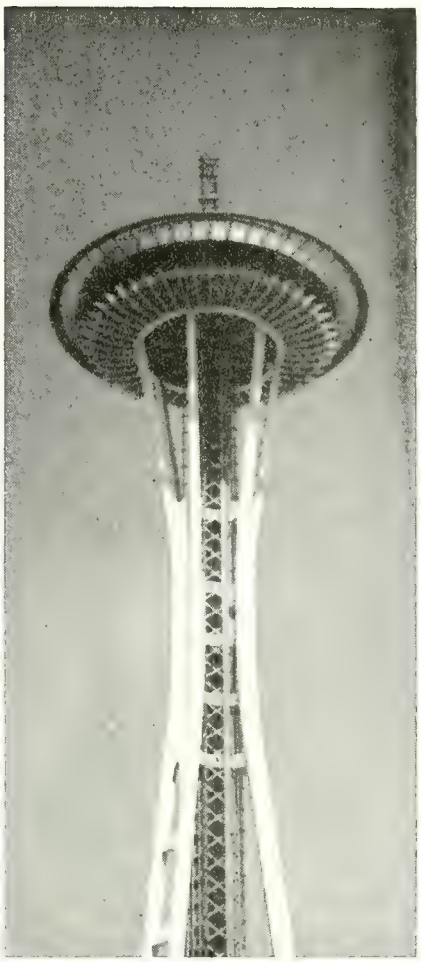
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Seattle "Space" News



Space Needle



View Ridge Brethren Sunday School, Seattle, Wash.

The Seattle World's Fair and its famous Space Needle does not claim all the attention of this space age in Seattle, Washington. At the View Ridge Brethren Church in Seattle, Washington, more of the "space" is being occupied than at any time in its history. The accompanying pictures represent a regular summer Sunday attendance. In answer to prayer, it seems the "breakthrough" in filling the "unoccupied space" has come to pass.

There remains plenty of "space" to be conquered and filled with people in need of the Gospel from the City of Seattle. The pastor, Phillip J. Simmons, would appreciate your continued prayer for development of the View Ridge Brethren Church.

look at it is, my singing doesn't influence any of them to gamble."

Now with this reasoning anyone can excuse almost any action in which he desires to participate. And in the final analysis it is the material gain which influences such a decision. And the one who "steps into the pulpit to preach" should realize every phase of his life *will* influence the lives of other people; and particularly those who admire any talent he might possess.

Christian Boogie-Woogie?

By Rev. Bruce L. Button

Under date of August 11, 1962, there appeared in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette in the column "Last Night" by-lined Earl Wilson, the following:

Las Vegas—Pat Boone, who steps into the pulpit to preach about a dozen times a year, is now starring in the night club of a big gambling hotel—and admitting that he's almost tempted sometimes to gamble $5 or $10 away.

"A lot of people think gambling is sinful," Pat said here between shows the other night at the Sahara.

"I've never reached that conclusion. It is a sin if one lets it get the better of him." "Yes," he said, still toying with the temptation, "I might do like the wise ones do. Set myself a limit and quit when I've lost it."

Considering that Pat once refused to work in cafes where they had "mixed dancing," this attitude about gambling is quite an advance for the 28-year-old All-American boy.

An advance or a decline, according to how you look at it.

. . . Pat explained, . . . "the way I

Now Mr. Boone belongs to a class of people who have by means of their talents received considerable remuneration from the Bible-believing, Christ-honoring, Christian community. The money which is spent each day for the recordings of so-called Christian music runs into a fantastic figure. The sorry part of it all is this! Most of those who record are either doubtful believers, or are not believers at all; and those who are staunch believers in the Lord have so copied the music of the world, that it is becoming extremely difficult to distinguish whether the recorded musician is trying to honor the Lord or please the devil.

Recently I stopped in one of the Christian gift shops in the Los Angeles district. I had intended purchasing some records which could be used in our Jewish Bible classes. I spent over three hours listening to approximately 50 different recordings made by soloist, trios, quartets, choral groups, and instrumental groups. From these I was able to select only two recordings which I felt were sufficiently honoring to the Lord to be worthy of use. One of these was recorded by the wife of a Hebrew-Christian evangelist; the other, by an instrumental group. The balance of the recordings would not be acceptable even as a gift, as far as I am concerned. Do you ask why? Let me tell you why.

These rejected recordings sounded like the popular music of the world. The "beat" was there, the "rhythm" was there, the "style" was there. I have no fight with "popular" music. Nor do I condemn all "popular" music. But I cannot conceive that a "swing" quartet or a "throaty" voiced female performing vocal gymnastics to the accompaniment of a five piece "combo" which receives its "beat" from a bass viol played in the rhythm of the twist can, by the widest stretch of anyone's imagination, honor the Lord in the smallest way. And I for one refuse to be fooled any longer by such music. I don't care who the artist is! If he wants to "sell" me, his records must come up to godly specifications. They must be pleasing to the Lord to be pleasing to me.

If you desire to have recordings in your home, have them! But let us if necessary, force the artists to bring us the hymns of the faith recorded in such a fashion that those passing by our homes will recognize them as the "Hymns of Zion" even when they are unable to hear the words.

In closing may I say again, I have no fight with popular music. I listen to it for what it is, and find enjoyment in some which can be classed as music and not noise. And I shall continue to do so. But I refuse to be the hypocrite who will, in order to satisfy the desire for "beat" and "rhythm," delude himself into thinking God is pleased with such efforts. Nor will I lend myself and my money to the support of the Christ-rejecting, unsaved, popular artist, who for the sake of a few pieces of silver, condescends to lend his talents to the rendering of a jazzed-up version of one of the grand old hymns.

Against all such, I vehemently protest. In the reverse of a popular song title of by-gone days, "that's NOT for me."

Answering God's Call To Evangelism

By Galen Lingenfelter

Nine years ago God placed a definite burden upon our hearts to enter the work of Brethren home missions, and He directed us to the open field of Elyria, Ohio. We rejoice that we have been privileged to be His servants in this part of His vineyard, and we thank God for His many blessings. As a pastor and family we say "Thank you" to the Brethren people across the Nation and to the Brethren Home Missions Council for all that you have done to make possible the establishment of a Brethren church in this city.

We express our sincere thanks to God for the faithful Christians in Elyria who through the years have labored together with us. Some of God's choicest saints have lived and labored in this place, and although I do not name them here, I do have them upon my heart and will always think of them as our dearest friends. Through the years many who have been drawn to the Lord in this church have moved from the city, but in spite of this we have had an increase in attendance year after year. For the past seventy-two months an average of $590 per month has been paid on the indebtedness of our property. However, better than all of this is the fact that since the beginning of the work here more than 250 people have received Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. To God be the glory!

Now we are confident that God is leading into another field of service. Beginning January 1, 1963 I will devote my time to the ministry of evangelism. God has burdened my heart to enter this work, and believing it is His will, I must obey His call. We realize something of the sacrifices, but as a family we desire "that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." My wife and family have always faithfully cooperated to do God's will, and we do believe the words of the hymn which says: "Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all."

If I am privileged to labor with you and your church in the ministry of revival and evangelism, I will give my very best to help you and to win precious souls for Jesus Christ. I love our church and will do all that I can to build it up wherever God desires to use me. Please pray for me.



Galen Lingenfelter

I will count it an honor to labor with any Brethren pastor or church anywhere as my services are requested. Please write to me at 550 Randall Road, Elyria, Ohio.

THE BRETHREN HOME MISSIONS COUNCIL, INCORPORATED

WINONA LAKE, INDIANA

JANUARY 1, 1961 TO MARCH 31, 1962

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Assets

Cash, Checking Account	$ 48,818.93
Petty Cash	25.00
Account Receivable	586.33
Notes Receivable	5,168.75
Contract Receivable	1,200.00
Annuity Funds Invested	105,543.40
Advances Receivable	2,882.10
Deferred Chgs. for Contingent Notes Payable	473,304.51
Deferred Hospital Insurance	327.85
Mission Property—Land and Building	110,500.00
Airplane	4,766.65
Leasehold Improvements	2,323.55
Office Furniture & Equipment	5,058.16
Photography Equipment	3,628.40
Auto and Trucks	11,188.07
Promotional Film	948.28
Total Assets	$ 776,269.98

Liabilities

Notes Payable	$ 126,401.05
Contingent Notes Payable	473,304.51
Accrued Federal Withholding Tax	213.50
Accrued Gross Withholding Tax	67.44
Accrued Social Security Tax	110.47
Total Liabilities	$ 600,096.97

Accountabilities

Annuities	105,800.00

Net Worth

Surplus Account	70,373.01
Total Liabilities, Accountabilities and Net Worth	$ 776,269.98

BRETHREN INVESTMENT FOUNDATION

WINONA LAKE, INDIANA

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

June 30, 1962

Assets

Cash in Bank	$ 68,979.03
Reserve Funds — This money is invested in insured building and loan associations.	405,809.25
Loans Receivable — These loans consist principally of loans made to churches, the title to their land and buildings being held by the Brethren Home Missions Council.	2,583,726.38
Office Equipment $4,279.92 — Less: Reserve for depreciation 2,154.16	2,125.76
Total Assets	$ 3,060,640.42

Liabilities and Net Worth

Payroll taxes and taxes withheld from payrolls	$ 167.21
Loans Payable — Interest computed at 5 percent is paid on these loans.	2,795,741.71
Savings Accounts — These savings accounts earn 4 percent interest	85,869.53
Annuity Funds Borrowed	102,821.12
Surplus — This amount includes the net profit for the year ending June 30, 1962 amounting to $8,024.64.	76,040.85
Total Liabilities and Net Worth	$ 3,060,640.42

(Statement audited by Longfellow & Ramsey, Public Accountants, Warsaw, Indiana)

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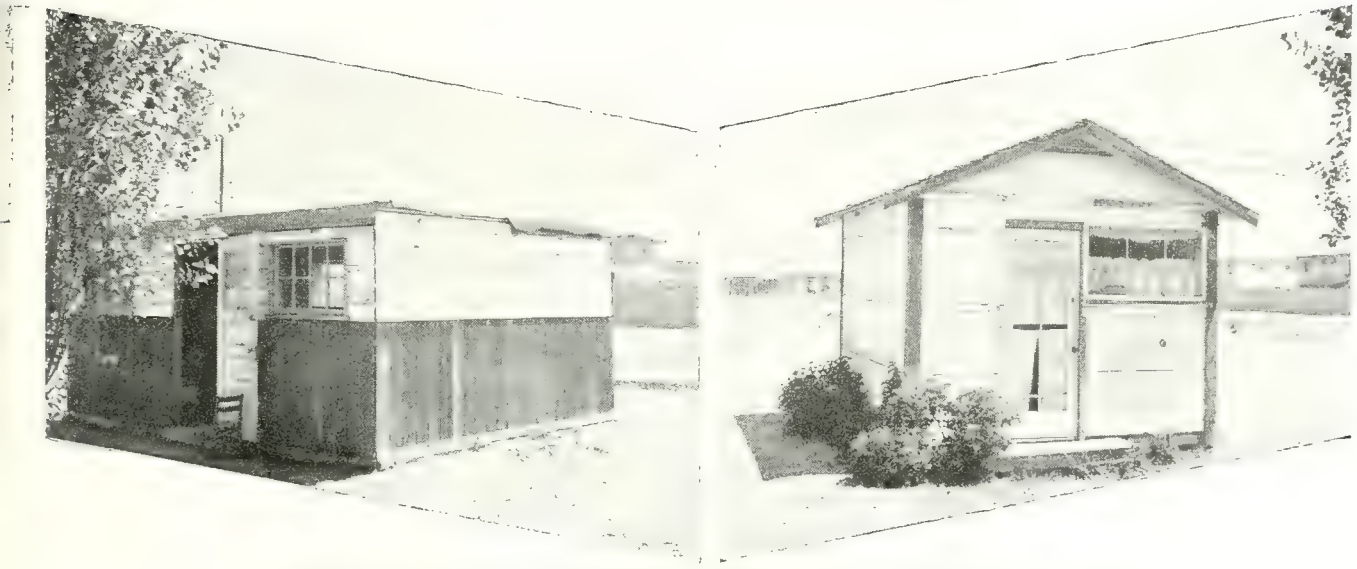
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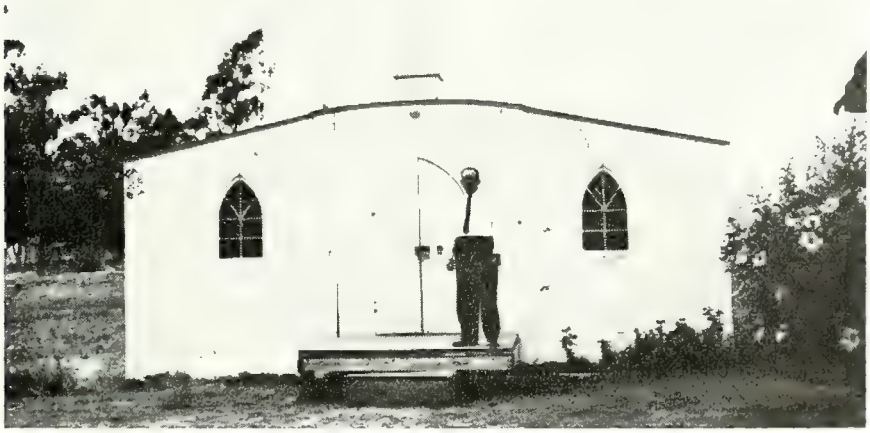
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PUZZLED?

Try Fitting the People on the Opposite Page Into Buildings Below!





Do you think you would like to be in the position of the pastor, Robert Thompson, and have a puzzle like this to solve? Do you not feel that the "city fathers" of Westminster, California, might have a point in requesting that these "temporary" meeting places shown here be removed from the community?

A new church building must be started before January 1, 1963. The plans for a building are in the hands of an architect now. This is the church that so many demands have been made upon already for improvements and assessments. How can we help these Brethren? Well, we have only *one* source at this time and this is our *Brethren Minute Men.* This is a "test alert" to see if you Minute Men are still with us. In a few days your friendly mail carrier will be bringing you a letter with the details and complete instructions.

The membership of the Westminster Brethren Church now stands at fifty-five. The average attendance in morning worship and the Sunday school have both exceeded an average well over one hundred for the quarter ending July 1. On July 15 a baptismal service was held for twelve people. The Lord is blessing in this work with all of its obstacles and lack of facilities, but there is a limit to what can be accomplished operating under these handicaps. *A building is a necessity*—by order of the city and for further growth of the church. A better than average *response from our Brethren Minute Men* is a necessity to meet this need.

Newspage

MEMBER EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION

ELKHART, IND. Rev. and Mrs. Gordon Bracker are rejoicing in the fact that they are grandparents again. Jon Michael was born to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Volovski on Aug. 29 and weighed 8 lbs. 7 oz. on arrival. Mrs. Volovski is the oldest of the Bracker children.

NOTICE: The tract, *New Testament Baptism,* by Dr. Russell D. Barnard, has been reprinted and is available from the Brethren Missionary Herald Co. Cost is 2c each or $1.75 per hundred, plus postage.

AKRON, OHIO. Marian Brubaker, twelve year old daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Clair D. Brubaker, was criminally attacked and killed on Aug. 27 as she was riding her bicycle home from a nearby library. A sister, Miss Evelyn Brubaker, is a Grace College junior who has been working as a waitress this summer at the Winona hotel, Winona Lake, Ind. Rev. Brubaker is the pastor of the undenominational Hillwood Chapel in Akron. He is a member of the Grace Brethren Church of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, and member of the Northern Ohio Brethren ministerium. Rev. Richard Burch, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, conducted the funeral services. Rev. Wesley Haller, Middlebranch, Ohio, and Rev. Russell Ogden, Akron, Ohio, assisted. Our deepest Christian sympathies are extended to this Brethren family.

MARTINSBURG, PA. Rev. and Mrs. Walter Haag, Brethren Missionaries to Mexico, showed colored slides of their mission work at the First Brethren Church Aug. 25. John R. Terrell, pastor.

FORT WAYNE, IND. Leo Polman, National Brethren Board Representative, was the guest speaker at First Brethren Church Sept. 2.

JOHNSTOWN, PA. The first annual missionary convention will be held at the First Brethren Church during Sept. 16-23. The Brethren missionaries expected to be in attendance are: Dr. Orville Jobson, Africa; Rev. Thomas Julien, France; Dr. Floyd Taber, Africa; Rev. J. Paul Dowdy, Argentina. James Sweeton is the host pastor.

AKRON, OHIO. Rev. and Mrs. Mervyn Callender, members of the First Brethren Church, are the new Child Evangelism directors for Sandusky County. They will make their headquarters at Clyde, Ohio.

COMPTON, CALIF. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Snyder, members of the First Brethren Church, who celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary in August.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Rev. and Mrs. James Marshall, Rivadavia 433, Rio Cuarto (Cba.), Argentina, South America. Rev. and Mrs. Victor Meyers, 483 Valera St., Pomona, Calif.

DAYTON, OHIO. G. Forrest Jackson, pastor of the First Brethren Church, Dallas Center, Iowa, has accepted the call to become pastor of the First Brethren Church here. He plans to assume the duties of the new pastorate on Dec. 9.

BERNE, IND. Irvin Miller, pastor of the Rosemont Brethren Church of Martinsburg, W. Va., was the guest speaker at the Bethel Brethren Church on Sept. 9. Kenneth Russell is pastor.

ENDS EARTHLY PILGRIMAGE

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

FREEZE, Mrs. Mildred I., 46, went to be with her Lord on Aug. 22. She was a member of the Grace Brethren Church, Trotwood, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted by the pastor.

Larry C. Gegner, pastor

HALE, Mrs. Anna, 86, departed from this earthly life to be with her Lord in glory on Aug. 28. She was a faithful member of the Leon Brethren Church, Leon, Iowa, from its beginning in 1914.

Glen Welborn, pastor

BACKFISCH, Mrs. Martha, 86, passed to her reward on Aug. 30. For many years she was a faithful member of the First Brethren Church of Clay City, Ind. Funeral services were conducted by the pastor.

R. L. Rossman, pastor

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 30 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Church	*Date*	*Pastor*	*Speaker*
Kettering, Ohio	Sept. 18-30	Henry Barnhart	B. Schneider
North English, Iowa	Sept. 23-30	Robert Whited	Glen Welborn
Meyersdale, Pa.	Sept. 24-30	Wm. Snell	Bob Collitt
Kittanning, Pa. (North Buffalo)	Sept. 26-Oct. 7	Fred Walter	Gordon Bracker
Hagerstown, Md. (Grace)	Sept. 30-Oct. 7	Warren Tamkin	Bill Smith
Davenport, Iowa	Oct. 2-14	Carl Key	B. Schneider
Fremont, Ohio	Oct. 14-21	Thomas Hammers	Bill Smith
Limestone, Tenn.	Oct. 14-28	Lester Kennedy	Richard Grant
Roanoke, Va. (Clearbrook)	Oct. 16-28	Carlton Fuller	Bob Collitt
Portis, Kans.	Oct. 16-28	H. Stewart	B. Schneider
Wooster, Ohio	Oct. 19-21	K. Ashman	John Whitcomb
Rittman, Ohio	Oct. 21-28	Charles Turner	Bill Smith
Hagerstown, Md. (Calvary)	Oct. 31-Nov. 11	Jack Peters	Bob Collitt

Conference Echoes

A crowd of between 1,200 and 1,500 "Brethren" from coast to coast and the foreign fields attended the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches seventy-third annual conference at Winona Lake, Indiana, August 12 through 19.

They received challenges from our Youth quiz teams, Bible hours, and the Board of Evangelism. And there were inspirational messages from the Sunday school sessions and workshops, the Foreign Missionary Society and Home Missions Council forums, the Laymen's meetings and a breakfast for the pastors. The women and girls came in for their share of inspiration through their various activities.



BY REV. JOHN M. AEBY

Moderator, National Fellowship of Brethren Churches 1961-1962

Thursday evening a packed auditorium saw Dr. Alva J. McClain, founder and president of Grace Theological Seminary for twenty-five years, turn over the presidency to Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, who was inaugurated as the second president of Grace Schools. Greetings were extended to him by representatives of the local community, state educational officers, student body, faculty, and other church leaders.

Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, director of foreign mission affairs for the National Association of Evangelicals, delivered enlightening addresses in the evening sessions Tuesday through Friday on the trends in modern-day liberalism, ecumenicalism, romanism, and communism, and conducted question-and-answer forums in the afternoons on these and other current topics.

Although many had to leave before the final day, Sunday's sessions were well attended and filled with great spiritual blessing. Dr. L. L. Grubb and Rev. Dean Fetterhoff brought the morning and evening messages and a combined missions rally was held in the afternoon. These three services alone were well worth the whole trip to Winona Lake.

Rev. Mark Malles, pastor of the First Brethren Church of Fort Wayne, Indiana, succeeds the writer as moderator of the NFBC for 1962-63. Will you join in prayer for our new moderator, for the officers, the executive committee, and for the speakers that they shall prayerfully invite so that we might gather in the fullness of the Holy Spirit's blessing.

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP

One cannot read the Bible very long before he discovers that in every dispensation God always elevated certain men to definite places of leadership to accomplish His eternal purpose. In the Old Testament this was especially true in the history of the Hebrew people. After the death of Joseph it seemed for a time as though God had abandoned this plan and was going to let this people shift for themselves. Like a ship without a rudder they soon found themselves in trouble, and in answer to their cry of distress God gave them another leader in the person of Moses.

The years that followed were marked by a colorful procession of kings, judges, priests, and prophets. Many of them were very little short of being rascals, but all answered in a measure the demand for a leader.

In the New Testament, this same pattern is followed in the beginning of the Christian church. Here we find the Lord Jesus Christ chose certain men, and appointed them as leaders to propagate the Gospel and administer church affairs.

Twenty centuries of church history has been made since these men passed away, but the church has never had another group of leaders who were comparable to them. As the years have passed by, the church has not suffered from a lack of leadership, but has nearly always been dominated by a type of leadership that has sought to further its own purpose. From time to time real men of God have appeared on the scene to fan the fires of evangelism and keep the light of truth burning. From our vantage point of nearly two thousand years, we can see that every step of progress the church has made can be traced, from the human side, to the leadership of a few men.

Opportunities for Christian Leadership

There was a time in the history of the Christian church when it was thought necessary for a person to be able to read Hebrew, Greek, and Latin, and be acquainted with all the classics before he could qualify for a position of leadership. However, this is not true today.

Somehow in the providence of God, the church has managed to remain fairly active in an age which has witnessed a phenomenal degree of progress in industry and commerce and every branch of science.

The almost universal use of radio

and television with the revolutionary steps in printing and the increasing use of the airplane have created a new field for what may be called "technical Christian leadership." Probably the greatest testimony to the fact is the growing demand of mission boards for skilled laborers. Today the opportunities for Christian leadership afforded the doctor, nurse, schoolteacher, bookkeeper, mechanic, and craftsman of every kind are unlimited.

Preparing for Christian Leadership

With the greater opportunities for leadership there has also come a demand for a better-trained leadership. Most mission boards and other religious bodies have not set a standard of formal training which all candidates must measure up to before receiving further consideration for places of leadership.

When it is remembered that a college education is the common thing, rather than the exception of this day, we can readily understand this emphasis on trained Christian leadership. Therefore a church or denomination is not being unreasonable when they recommend college and Bible school or seminary training for a ministerial candidate.

We are living in a day of specialization, so most prospective leaders in the homeland are advised to specialize in a particular kind of leadership, such as Christian education, directors of music, young people's leaders, and so forth.

Many mission boards now require all candidates to have had some medical training, as well as basic training in linguistics and anthropology. Very few persons are ever considered likely candidates for service after they have reached the age of thirty. The physical requirements have been raised to the place where one must have a sound healthy body before he can qualify for a place of leadership.

Years of experience have proved the wisdom of the setting up of these standards, and every prospective Christian leader should recognize the importance of a good formal education. However, a good education alone is not a guarantee that one will ever become a Christian leader, for God has His requirements which supersede those of mission boards and church bodies.

Qualifications for Christian Leadership

A consideration of the men of the Old Testament who occupied places of leadership makes us wonder if God has any special requirements for leadership. Moses had received the finest education possible in his day, but was past eighty years of age when he was called into a place of leadership. On the other hand, Gideon, a young man who was not, so far as we know, a man of the schools, was also a great leader.

The same contrast can be found in



BY GEORGE O. PEEK, D.D.

Pastor, North Long Beach Brethren Church, Long Beach, California

the New Testament where we see Peter, a rough fisherman, and Paul, a polished Pharisee, both elevated to places of leadership by the Lord. One of them was weak and sickly, but this had no bearing on his being chosen by God to be a leader in the church.

It soon becomes apparent by the differences in personalities, backgrounds, and training that it would be very difficult to establish a norm for leadership from a study of Bible characters.

Therefore, we should be thankful that the New Testament gives definite instructions concerning the qualifications for Christian leadership. These instructions are given in connection with the appointing of men to the offices of deacon, bishop, and elder. A study of the use of the names bishop and elder discloses that they are used interchangeably and refer to those who have the spiritual oversight of the church (cf. Titus 1: 5-7).

The one who holds this place of leadership is to be respected. He should not have to demand this respect, but command it by his own conduct (I Tim. 5:1). He should be known as a man of prayer and one in whom others have confidence (James 5:14).

Furthermore this leader must be able to teach, as well as set an example (I Pet. 5:1-3). Regarding this particular qualification we are told that he should not be a "novice" (I Tim. 3:1-6). The thought is that he should be one who has had experience in applying the Word of Truth to his own heart before attempting to teach others.

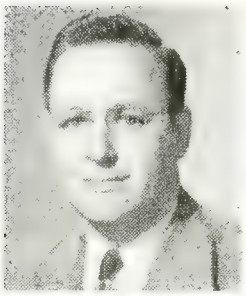
Regarding the office of deacon, Dr. Marvin R. Vincent says: "The term deacon, in the Pauline writings, is a common expression of a servant or service either to Christ or to others. Paul applies this term to his own ministry and to that of his associates."

There is a very definite sense then in which the qualifications for this office can be applied to every type of Christian leadership. Using the term in a broad way, this means that every Christian is a deacon.

A consideration of the passages where this name is used reveals that the following characteristics should be found in a deacon: sincerity, honesty, sobriety, temperance, and stability.

A careful study of these offices brings us to the conclusion that the outstanding requirement for a Christian leader is the ability to instruct others in spiritual truths both by word and example. This ability can be had by study (knowledge of God's Word) and experience (applying the Word). To this must be added a great deal of what is referred to in I Timothy 3:5 as "know how," which is nothing more than consecrated commonsense.

Who then can be a Christian leader? Anyone who will accept the responsibility, go before to guide and show the way, and will exercise authority wisely. He must be determined not to serve in the terms of a group of people but of the Lord's will. Every Christian has a gift and is a leader if he uses the gift in the way that God intends.



By Rev. Forest Lance

Pastor, Grace Brethren Church
Anaheim, California

The Sufficient Christ

Mankind has changed over and over since the dawn of creation. His civilization has changed, his habits have changed, his dress has changed, his mode of travel has changed. But one thing remains the same: from the day that God sent Adam forth from the Garden of Eden until today, man has remained insufficient to satisfy his own spiritual and his own physical need. It is true that there have always been those who feel able to fulfill their every desire and their every need. But though they feel such sufficiency, yet sooner or later they find that a need will arise which, with all their wealth and prestige, they are unable to meet. To them, these things are the impossibilities.

There was once a man, Abraham by name, who with Sarah his wife, had longed for a son, one who would fulfill the promises of God as a progenitor of Abraham's seed and the father of the Hebrew nation. Abraham was an hundred years of age, Sarah was ninety. To all natural thinking, for a child to be born to such individuals was decidedly impossible. The record says that Abraham doubted and Sarah laughed in her tent when Jehovah renewed the promise unto them! But approximately a year later, Sarah brought forth a son and presented him to

"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:19).

Abraham, and they called him Isaac.

Impossible? Yes, as far as human understanding was concerned, but through this experience Abraham learned that the obvious answer to the question that Jehovah had put to him that day on the plains of Mamre was: "No, nothing is too hard for the Lord." He found that God did the impossible!

One of the great characteristics of Christ's ministry here on earth was that as He went from place to place, He was not alone! The multitude was present upon every occasion, except where He purposely stole away from their view to escape their milling cries, or to be alone with His disciples, or with His Father. Apart from His sufficiency to care for their problems and their needs, there is no explanation for His popularity. We are told that upon one occasion Jesus turned to the multitude and said: "Ye seek me because of the miracles I am able to do unto you." And when He was brought before the governor and was tried, and later when He was placed upon the cross, seemingly helpless to do anything for himself, the multitude renounced Him. They felt that He was unable to care for their needs now that He himself was not meeting His own.

But upon various occasions they came to Him with their blind, and Jesus opened their eyes. They sought Him in behalf of their sick and their maimed, and Christ strengthened their bodies and made them whole again. They brought those who were possessed with evil spirits, and Christ by His matchless and powerful words cast the demons from their bodies. Yes, they called Him when their loved ones had entered into death and He restored them back to life by His omnipotent hand. There were those who had personal problems and still others who had spiritual problems. They asked concerning life and death. They inquired as to the means of gaining paradise. Jesus spoke to them words of comfort and words of hope, but above all else He spoke words of truth! To the human mind, these things were all from the realm of the impossible, but those who came in faith found Him to be the solution to their impossibilities.

Their needs are our needs. Our problems were their problems! Surely this is true. I'm wondering, dear friends, is there one of us who does not find himself face to face with human impossibilities — incurable disease, unforgettable heartaches, tormenting worry and distress— searching, but in vain, for the assurance of our places in heaven? Oh! let us turn to Christ. He is the answer to our distress!

"Got any rivers you think are uncrossable?
Got any mountains you can't tunnel through?
God specializes in things thought impossible
And He can do what no other one can do!"

"Hungry, lonesome, worried, distressed,
Jesus is all you need!
Burdened, wearied, seeking for rest,
Jesus is all you need!
Sweetly He calls to the weary today,
Hark to His pleading and come while you may.
Jesus can take every burden away;
Yes, Jesus is all you need!"

The Book That No Man Could Write

BY JUDGE LUTHER W. YOUNGDAHL

District Court for the District of Columbia

I feel fortunate to have been reared in a family where the Bible was considered the most important Book in one's life. At church services and in the Sunday school, inspiring passages of this Book have left a deep imprint upon my life.

When I am called upon to distinguish between right and wrong in my judicial work, the Bible helps me not only to make the right choice, but also to have the courage to carry through. No book can take the place of the Bible.

Assume for example, that the best known publisher in this country asks the most outstanding author to write a special book. The publisher explains: "In the book I want whole sections which will be translated into over 1,100 languages and dialects; a book the influence of which will be constructively felt in seventy-five countries and territories on five continents; over 13 million copies, either in its entirety or portions, will be distributed overseas in one year; and a book 2,600 parts of which will be distributed each hour of the day throughout the globe. Further," points out the publisher, "I want you to write a book which will never be off the printing press for over 400 years; a book which will be the best seller year in and year out, not only in one nation, but in many; reading it will inspire men to lives of sacrifice and service—to seek liberty for themselves and their fellow men without thought of personal safety. It must be a book in which men of every language and culture in every part of the world can find an accurate picture of the nature of God and their relationship to Him. In short, it must be a book in which men find Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord."

Even the most proficient writer would say: "No. I am unable to write such a book. No man can write it. Only God could write such a book." How true! Only God could write such a Book and the world has that Book—and its name is the Bible.

The Bible is God's eternal Word because it occupies a unique place in all Christendom as the revelation of God in Christ Jesus who said: "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." Thus, the Bible is the greatest Book because it is about life, and though written centuries ago, is still relevant today. The Bible deals with everyday affairs: homelife, love, crime, warfare, political decisions.

Never before has there been such a need to provide the inspired Word of God to people all over the world in their own language. People of many nations throughout the world long to read this Good News and be fortified to help perpetuate freedom.

However, we have failed in our efforts to convince particularly the uncommitted nations that we genuinely believe in the lessons of the Bible, which if practiced bring dignity and reverence for every human life. We must show them that God's message contains unlimited power for man's redemption.

Though significant advances have been made in the distribution of the Bible, our greatest challenge still lies ahead. Millions of people have yet to be reached with the Gospel—either spoken or written. It is imperative that there be an immediate increase in the distribution, otherwise we may well lose our one great hope to save mankind from destruction.

In the eternal Word of God is the message that spiritually hungry people need today.

With world chaos just a failure away, we dare not be a Christian Nation in name only. We must accept the responsibility of this challenge, providing the hope and strength millions of people around the globe need, through the study of the inspired Word of God.

Only a careful and prayerful study of the Bible by the people of this Nation and the peoples of the world, and putting its teachings into practice in their lives, will more than anything else insure victory in this cold war.

Condensed reprint from Bible Society *RECORD*

Wedding Bells

Announcements in this column are published when sent in by a pastor.

Carol Lee Fletcher and Robert E. Harrington, June 30, of the Calvary Brethren Church, Kettering, Ohio.

Joyce Matthes and Kenneth Roder, Jr., Aug. 26, at the Grace Brethren Church, Mansfield, Ohio.

Glenna Heaston and Norman Covell, July 7, at the First Brethren Church, Middlebranch, Ohio.

Bernetta June Light and Larry Hawbaker, Aug. 25, at the First Brethren Church, Dallas Center, Iowa.

Sandra Sjuneson and Walt Adams, Aug. 21, at the First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Carole McCollum and David Hocking, Aug. 23, at the First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Helen Wasson and Charles Raudebaugh, Aug. 26, at the First Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio.

Cindy Sallinger and Roger Tinsman, Aug. 25, at the First Brethren Church, Winchester, Va.

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EDITORIALS

By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, *President*

Popular Discussion on Prayer

Since June 25th, when the United States Supreme Court ruled overwhelmingly against the use of a non-sectarian prayer in the New York Public Schools it has become popular to discuss the subject of prayer. Congressmen, Judges, bishops, preachers, educators, editors and laymen have freely discussed and delivered themselves of their convictions on this subject. Opinion has been evenly divided on the action of the court. A storm of criticism has been leveled at the action. An equally large volume of commendation has supported the action. But even though the deep feeling aroused over this recent decision of the nation's high court will subside, there will be closer examination in the years to follow.

At least three reactions have appeared within the two months since the announcement of this decision by the Supreme Court. The first, and almost immediate response, born perhaps of spiritual intuition, was that this decision marked another step in the direction of secularism. The decision itself so far as the point of discussion was concerned did not deal with prayer as such, but rather with prayer composed by an official body of government. To use the words of Justice Hugo L. Black, "it is no part of the business of government to compose official prayers for any group of the American people to recite as a part of a religious program carried on by any government". At the circumference, the conclusion may have been correct. But it still remains true, that at its center the action dealt with prayer, and to protect this a great host rushed to its defense.

A second reaction coming on the heels of the first was the expressions of opinion in defense of the position taken by the Supreme Court. From varied sources this defense came. The president of the Southern Baptist Convention defended it. Such liberal periodicals as the *Christian Century* and *The Christian Advocate* came to its defense. Catholic officials heartily endorsed the historic decision. And it is a fair guess that there will be a continuing stream of support for this amazing pronouncement of our century.

But this early another reaction is appearing. It comes from sound religious leaders who are weighing all the evidence, surveying all the angles from the viewpoint of the word of God. The decision of the court belongs to our century. This century has experienced the subtleties of human ingenuity to remove all teaching of the supernatural from the pubic-school classroom in the interest of the freedom of religion. Though the writers of the constitution believed in freedom of religion this recent action of the Supreme Court would never have occurred to them. And this writer believes that subsequent developments will reveal that the apparent wholesomeness of this decision of the court has far deeper significance.

Juvenile Delinquency Still Mounts

In spite of the efforts to stem the tide of juvenile delinquency it continues to grow on every hand. Is there no satisfactory explanation for this situation? Is it not true that for every effect there is an adequate cause? Is it not possible that some deficiency within the public school may explain the situation? It must be remembered that the public school system has almost every child until he is 18. And if ideas have consequences, then perhaps the ideas that are disseminated during those years may be bearing fruit.

To put the matter bluntly, the refusal to permit information about God and the supernatural within the public school system ultimately reduces the realm of reality to the level of the human and the natural. The final result is not the mere exclusion of information about God, it is the substitution of the human and natural in that place. Man thus becomes the measure of his own morality and the final arbiter in all matters of faith and practice. Breathing this atmosphere for twelve years of life is sufficient to produce delinquency in the realm of morals. In this sort of atmosphere there are no inhibitions. God is not retained in their minds; His standard of morals is removed; penalties of shame, fear of human consequences, and certainly contemplation of divine punishment disappear. And what is even worse, if there is no knowledge of God, there can be no help for that child that feels the burden of guilt and would turn if he could only see a light.

Let parents and teachers think it over. The exclusion of the Scriptures from the public classroom, the refusal to permit any information about the supernatural, the banning of prayer, even a poor prayer, even one formulated by a civic body, under the guise of unconstitutionality can have but one effect, namely, that of increasing the tide of juvenile delinquency.

Crime Is on the Increase

For the past few years reports on the rising tide of crime have been made in leading periodicals. Serious crimes are being committed at the rate of four every minute, twenty four hours of every day. In spite of the fact that every conceivable effort save one is being made to stem the tide, there is no diminution in the trend.

Consider the facts. Neither education, nor social service, nor psychiatry, nor any one of the thousand and one

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The Final Authority of Holy Scripture

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(Editor's note: This is the first in a series which will contain the entire message delivered by Dr. John Whitcomb on August 15, 1962 to the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches which convened at Winona Lake, Indiana.

PART 1: SOME DISAPPOINTING TRENDS

In spite of the fact that the Lord Jesus Christ and His apostles clearly and repeatedly emphasized the infallibility and final authority of the Holy Scriptures, the true Church has had a never-ending struggle to maintain this precious and vitally important doctrine. Before the Reformation, there was an increasing tendency on the part of church leaders to *add* to the Scriptures various human traditions and doctrines, thus undermining its unique authority. Since the Reformation, especially in Protestant circles, the trend has been in the direction of denying the authenticity and historicity of various portions of the Bible. This, of course, involves *taking away* a part of the Scriptures from God's people.

How terribly dangerous it is for men to participate in such trends may be surmised from this statement by our Lord, which refers specifically to the Book of Revelation, but, by implication, to the rest of Scripture as well: "If any man shall *add* unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: and if any man shall *take away* from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life . . ." (Rev. 22:18; cf. Prov. 30:6). In the light of this, let us note briefly some of the trends that have become evident even this past summer in Protestant circles that have long been considered theologically conservative.

(1) Southern Presbyterians

Early in May, in their 102nd General Assembly, Southern Presbyterians debated at length concerning the *Layman's Bible Commentary,* published by their official publishing house, John Knox Press. It was pointed out that these commentaries "disparaged the historical accuracy and editorial integrity of Scripture by assigning to it legends, fabrications, falsehoods, epic sagas, erroneous teaching about God, and the doctrine that all men shall be saved whether in Christ or out of Christ."[1] The validity of the criticism was not denied, but a motion to impose stronger editorial safeguards on the publishing house was defeated 323 to 74.

(2) Southern Baptists

Early in June, Southern Baptists gathered in San Francisco for their convention. Though admitting that many professors in Southern Baptist seminaries no longer teach the doctrine of Biblical inspiration commonly held by ministers and laymen in the denomination, they failed to deal decisively with the problem. During the previous year, Dr. Ralph Elliott, professor of Old Testament at Midwestern Baptist Seminary in Kansas City, had published a book entitled *The Message of Genesis* which denies the historicity of the first eleven chapters of Genesis. In spite of this, the Seminary's trustees reaffirmed their confidence in Elliott as "a loyal servant of Southern Baptists."[2]

(3) Missouri Synod Lutherans

Late in June, the Lutheran Church —Missouri Synod held its 45th convention in Cleveland, one of the main points of concern being the inspiration of the Bible. Dr. John W. Behnken, retiring president, acknowledged that there were grounds for recent charges of laxity within the denomination on the issue of inspiration and infallibility of Scripture. "We must ask in all seriousness whether some are influenced by European neo-orthodoxy, whether the floods of present day European theology are threatening also our century-old position on the verbally inspired, infallible, inerrent word of God."[3]

(4) Christian Reformed

Also this summer, the Christian Reformed Church voted to grant life tenure to the president of Calvin Seminary, even though he had been responsible four years ago for initiating a denomination-wide controversy by denying that the Bible is inspired as far as "peripheral matters" are concerned.[4]

Some Conclusions

Officially, of course, all of these denominations have gone on record as affirming the final authority and inerrancy of Scripture. But this may be said of a number of other churches which have long since lost their clear-cut testimony to the Word of God. May we, as a National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, become fully aware of the significance of these dangerous trends and determine, by God's grace, to "be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain," (Rev. 3:2), holding forth the full message of God's infallible Word, until Jesus comes again! (To be cont.)

Footnotes

1. *Christianity Today,* June [illegible], 33.
2. *CT,* June 22, 1962, p. 25
3. *Sunday School Times,* July 21, 1962 (news item).
4. *CT,* July 20, 1962, p. 34. For complete background, see *Torch and Trumpet* articles by Henry J. Kuiper (April, 1959; Sept., 1959; and Jan., 1960).

GRACE FACULTY CHANGES

TEACHERS ADVANCED

John G. Martin

Four part-time teachers have been advanced to full-time instructors for the 1962-63 year. Mr. John G. Martin of Canton, Ohio, a graduate of Bryan College, and holding the M.R.E. degree from Grace Theological Seminary, has been serving as part-time instructor in Music Education. In June he received the M.A. degree in Music Education from Ball State University, and now joins the faculty of Grace College as full time instructor in this field.

Ronald O. Henry

A graduate of Grace College with the A.B. degree, and a graduate of Grace Theological Seminary with the B.D. degree, has been serving as part-time instructor in history through the past four years. He will complete his work for the M.A. degree in History at Indiana University next year. He now joins the faculty as full-time instructor in history. He is a native of the state of Iowa.

Mrs. Richard G. Messner

For several years, Yvonne J. Messner, A.B. from Wheaton College, has been serving along with her husband, Richard Messner, as part-time instructor in physical education. She is currently pursuing work for an advanced degree in this field at Indiana University and is taking work in Grace Theological Seminary. She will assume full-time instructorship this fall in the field of physical education for women.

Carl Cripe

Carl Cripe is a native of California, coming to Grace College from the Brethren Church in Modesto, California. He completed his work for the M.S. degree in chemistry at San Jose State College in the fall of 1961, and during his two years in Grace Theological Seminary has served as part-time instructor in the field of science and mathematics. In addition to his full-time responsibilities in this field, he will be continuing his theological training.

PART-TIME INSTRUCTORS

Mrs. Floyd Taber

Ada Taber, on furlough from the Brethren Mission field in Africa, will be serving as part-time instructor in the field of French. She is a graduate of Ashland College with the A.B. degree, and holds the Diploma Superior d'Etudes Francaises Modernes from l'Alliance Francaise in Paris.

William Schaffer

Mr. William Schaffer, a graduate of Grace College with the A.B. degree, and a candidate for the M.A. degree in music at Indiana University, joins the faculty as Teaching Fellow in Music. He will be currently pursuing the regular theological curriculum in Grace Theological Seminary.

Robert Davis

Robert Davis, a senior in Grace College, joins the faculty as Teaching Fellow in Mathematics this fall. He is planning to enter Grace Theological Seminary in the fall of 1963.

Harold C. Mason

Dr. Harold C. Mason, Ed.D., a friend of Grace Theological Seminary dating back to the time when the school was located at Winona Lake, joins the faculty this fall as part-time instructor in English, Education, and Christian Education. In addition to the doctorate, he holds the A.B. degree from Huntington and Adrian Colleges and the M.A. degree from the University of Michigan. His long experience includes pastoral ministry, the Deanship of Adrian College, the Presidency of Huntington College, and Professorship in Northern Baptist Theological Seminary and Asbury Theological Seminary. He is the author of several books and a contributor to many periodicals. His specialty is the field of Christian Education. His retirement from active teaching ministry and location in Winona Lake makes this part-time teaching arrangement possible.

BUSINESS MANAGER

Russel H. Dunlap

Mr. Russel H. Dunlap, for some years regional service manager of the Northeastern regional service office of the RCA Service Company, Inc., has been appointed Business Manager for Grace Theological Seminary and Grace College. He began his work in the school immediately after Labor Day. Mr. Dunlap, with his wife and four children, have moved from Boston where they had made their home for the past seven years.

Mr. Dunlap joined the Brethren Church at Fremont, Ohio and after removing to Boston joined with others in the project to start a new Brethren Church in that area. He has been active in Christian service especially as a member of the Christian Business Men's Committee. His leadership in the field of business and finance will make a very much needed contribution to the operation of Grace Theological Seminary and Grace College.

OTHER CHANGES

Homer A. Kent, Sr.

Dr. Homer A. Kent, Sr., associated with Grace Seminary from its beginning, has been appointed as vice president of the school at the recent meeting of the board of trustees held in connection with the National Conference. Dr. Kent was first associated with the school as a visiting lecturer in practical theology and Old Testament while serving as pastor of the First Brethren Church of Washington, D. C. In the fall of 1940 he joined the faculty as a full-time teacher in the field of Practical Theology and Church History with an adjunct in Old Testament.

In 1948 he was appointed registrar in addition to his teaching duties and has served in this capacity both for the college and the seminary. With his appointment to the vice presidency of the school his duties as registrar will now be limited to the seminary. Coming to the school with a master of theology degree, he found time to pursue advanced work and had conferred upon him the Doctor of Theology degree at graduation service in 1948.

In addition to his teaching and preaching ministry, he has carried on an extensive writing ministry. Besides articles which have appeared in Brethren periodicals, for many years he was the writer of the Sunday school lessons in *The King's Business*. He is the author of several tracts and more recently has published a volume on Brethren Church History and one on Pastoral Theology.

Miss Helen Olney

Joining the staff this fall as assistant to the dean of women is Helen Olney, originally from the State of Iowa. She is a graduate of Grace College in the field of elementary education, with three years of teaching experience in the Christian Day School of the Community Brethren Church of Whittier, California. She has completed all her class work for M.R.E. degree in Grace Theological Seminary. While writing her thesis this year she will assist the dean of women in the enlarging responsibilities of that office.

J. Worl Stuber

After a year's leave of absence, Dr. J. Worl Stuber, Ph.D., returns to Grace College as professor of Philosophy. During the period of his absence he served in this capacity in Trinity College in Chicago, and also as registrar. In order to assist Trinity College he will commute one day a week. We welcome his return to the Grace College Campus.

Arnold R. Kriegbaum

At the meetings of the board of trustees in April and May Mr. Kriegbaum was appointed as Director of Public Relations in addition to his duties as dean of men in the college.

Mr. Kriegbaum joined the faculty in the fall of 1961 as dean of men and instructor in Bible in the college. He graduated in 1940 with the bachelor of divinity degree, and in 1949 received the master of theology degree. He served pastorates in Ankenytown, Ohio, Fillmore and Los Angeles, California; Waterloo and Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and for eight years was the editor and business manager of The Brethren Missionary Herald Company before joining the faculty of the school.

His wide ministry throughout the denomination as an administrator and preacher eminently qualifies him for the new duties he is assuming. To begin this ministry, he accompanied five college men on a tour of the churches in the middle and far west this past summer. As a part of his work in public relations he will serve as managing editor of the Educational Number of *The Brethren Missionary Herald*.

Ralph W. Gilbert

By action of the board of trustees in meeting during the recent National Conference Professor Ralph W. Gilbert was appointed as full registrar of the College. He has been serving as assistant to the registrar up to the present in addition to his teaching duties as professor of English.

Professor Gilbert is a graduate of Bob Jones University with the A.B. degree, and also holds the M.A. degree from the same school. He graduated from Grace Theological Seminary in 1950 with the honor "cum laude", and holds both the bachelor of divinity degree and the master of theology degree. He is currently pursuing graduate work in Indiana University toward the Ph.D. degree in English.

He joined the faculty of Grace College as a part-time instructor while pursuing his theological training, then became full-time instructor in the fall of 1951 and has successively been promoted until he is now a full professor. His duties as assistant to the registrar more than qualify him for the full responsibility he is now undertaking.



COVER

Dr. Herman A. Hoyt receives congratulations from Dr. William E. Wilson, State Superintendent of Public Instruction for Indiana, as Dr. Alva J. McClain, president emeritus, observes. Dr. Hoyt was inaugurated president of Grace Theological Seminary and Grace College on August 16.

The Conflict of the Ages



BY DR. NORMAN UPHOUSE

This is not a new subject nor a new thought, however it has a new aspect in our day. At present we see an inhuman attempt to destroy the Christian testimony on the earth. It is a movement of Satan to seek the neutralization and then the cancellation of all Christian efforts that honor Christ. The greatest progress has been made by the enemy of the truth in communist countries, where the cloak is off and we are able to see super human and of course evil attempts to thwart the progress of God for this age.

Communism in Conflict with Christianity

Recently Russian Premier Khrushchev declared that religious beliefs must go. He said "There is no place for these weeds in our fields." He stressed the need for a thorough and good system of atheistic upbringing that has to embrace all groups of the population especially youngsters. (Mr. Khrushchev once boasted of winning a prize for having memorized the Gospels).

The Great Contrast

The Bible has informed us of the development of evil in the world. To view this as the leaven of the Gospel only compounds the difficulty in checking the real cancerous condition of evil. We need to face reality and not be too surprised even at man's inhumanity to man. After all, the tares grow along with the wheat. It is interesting to note how the Bible presents the great contrast in the present conflict. Terms frequently indicate extreme differences such as: The way of the godly-the way of the ungodly, truth-error, righteousness-unrighteousness, heaven-hell, Jesus Christ-Antichrist, wheat-chaff and saved-lost.

The Mystery of Iniquity

A fact frequently over-looked by many persons is the intense activity of the wicked unseen spirit world. Demon possession appears to be as far reaching today as it was in the Gospel period. Every type of demon possession can be seen duplicated in modern behavior problems. Even though this is ignored by so-called leaders in society, it does not change the fact that our daily newspapers carry horrible accounts of crime and abuse which are in conflict with the nature of man. We would do well to re-think this entire problem in the light of New Testament demonology. At least some attention might be given to the cure which is pinpointed by the Spirit of God to be deliverance by the Lord Himself.

Then too, Satan fools many people by working under cover and behind the scenes. He is active and alert as well as dangerous. Te deny his existence and activity is to fall into his plans, Christians have been warned to beware of Satan and not to be ignorant of his wiles.

The Mystery of Godliness

The greatest of all mysteries and marvels is that God should become incarnate in the flesh. Here we see the sinless, spotless Son of God tabernacling among men. All that was associated with Him was supernatural. He had a supernatural birth in the virgin birth. He lived a life that was different from others in that He was free from the contamination of the Adamic sin. He died as no other died and rose again to die no more.

The power of the resurrected Christ can be seen in part in the transformation of the believers. This occurs at conversion where we see the most unlikely candidates for heaven are actually fitted for a permanent dwelling there. Associated with Christ's return is the power to take many persons with Him to glory. The plan of salvation is effective and real as well as lasting. Other religions leave their subjects cold on the issue of sin and salvation but Christianity solves the problem in Christ alone.

The great conflict is heading up for a final show down. We can be sure of the end result as Christ shall reign universally.

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing . . . Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever" Rev. 5:12 & 13b.

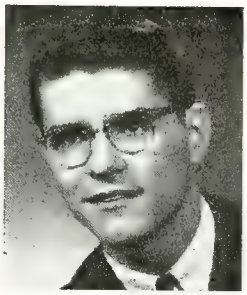
It seems fitting to present to the reader at this place James Russell Lowell's poem "The Present Crisis," however due to its length, several verses must suffice.

Once to every man and nation comes the moment to decide;
In the strife of Truth with Falsehood, for the good or evil side;
Some great cause, God's new Messiah, offering each the bloom or blight,
Parts the goats upon the left hand and the sheep upon the right,
And the choice goes by forever 'twixt that darkness and the light.

Hast thou chosen, O my people, on whose party thou shalt stand,
Ere the Doom from its worn sandals shakes the dust against our land?
Though the cause of Evil prosper, yet 'tis Truth alone is strong,
And, albeit she wander outcast now, I see around her throng
Troops of beautiful, tall angels, to enshield her from all wrong.

Careless seems the great Avenger; history's pages but record
One death-grapple in the darkness 'twixt old systems and the Word;
Truth forever on the scaffold, Wrong forever on the throne,—
Yet that scaffold sways the future, and, behind the dim unknown,
Standeth God within the shadow, keeping watch above his own.

GOD'S HATE GROUP



By Larry W. Poland
Middler, Grace Seminary

"Christians aren't in favor of anything!"

"Christians are all negative."

"Long lists of 'don'ts' aren't profitable."

"Fundamentalists, especially, need a dose of love-and-brotherhood."

"Wasn't Christ's message love?"

"The Bible says that God *is* love!"

"You Christians need more of a positive program—not so many 'don'ts'."

How many times have you heard comments like the above? Do not these words ring familiar in your ears? For while they may have come from a fellow Christian seeking to achieve a proper perspective in the Christian life, they just as likely came from some unsaved person. Many an unbeliever pulls his robes of smug self-righteousness around him as he condemns the Christian, the Church, even God's Word because it is "too negative."

Not too long ago I discovered that a certain segment of our society, generally lumped under some definition of the word "liberal," is so incensed by the negative programs of the Church that it actually refers to fundamental Christianity as a "hate group"! Frank Donner, a lawyer who has defended numerous American communists, writing in a recent book referred to a member of the fundamental Protestant clergy as being "closely allied with hate sects . . . who oppose . . . the United Nations, the Revised Standard Version of the Bible, and modernism in religion." He went on to enumerate various organizations with similar views to ours and, should the list have been comprehensive enough, would probably have mentioned the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches.

While it is true that some Christians become zealously hyper-negative and legalistic and approximate the ancient Pharisees in their approach, there *are* things which the Christian is compelled and/or commanded by his faith to be strongly against. We Bible-believing Christians should remember a few things lest we become swayed by the one suggesting irradication of *all* negativism and establishment of *all* love-and-brotherhood.

First of all, there is nothing intrinsically wrong with something that is negative. In fact almost every negative principle and statement can be merely re-worded into a positive one. God's Word certainly isn't a negative book as its critics endeavor to show. The very theme of the Book is a *positive* solution to man's problem through God's *positive* action in revelation and atonement. The principles of the Ten Commandments (always ripe fruit for the anti-negativist) can be and are set forth over and over in the Bible in positive form. Even the "positive rules for living" proposed by the anti-negativist could, no doubt, be stated more forcefully with some negative thrust.

Secondly, we need to remember that there is nothing wrong with hatred as long as we hate the right things. Hatred is something which God himself exercises toward the "workers of iniquity" (Psalm 5:5), toward "a proud look," "a lying tongue," "hands that shed innocent blood," and other things listed in Proverbs. God certainly hates sin and all of its consequences in the lives of His created ones.

Scripture indicates that the child of God is instructed to "hate the evil and love the good" (Amos 5:15) and "abhor that which is evil and cleave to that which is good" (Romans 12:9). Proverbs even more strongly states that "the fear of the Lord is to hate evil."

In the light of the above, what really is the rather righteous-sounding unbeliever requesting when he cries for love to replace the "don'ts" of Christianity? From my limited observation I feel I have discovered what he really wants. He wants the Christian to love good *and* evil—especially *his* evil! He is against all of the "don'ts" primarily because he "does." He promotes the concept of love in order to minimize, in his own thinking and ours, the judicial aspect of God. If, in some way, the man who has not settled things with his Maker can water down the concept of God to "the man upstairs," a heavenly Father who loves our good and soft-peddles our sin, then excusing his own sin will be a much easier task. And, as the unbeliever hauntingly realizes, it is a fearful thing to fall into the hand of an angry God.

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other so-called panaceas are correcting the situation.

This reminds the writer of three verses in the word of God: II Tim. 3:5, "Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof" . . . 3:7, "Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth" . . . 3:13, "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived."

Could it be that we have sown the wind, in the modern and liberal tendencies and the exclusion of the supernatural from the classroom, and now we are reaping the whirlwind? And what may we expect 10 years from now? twenty years from now? if the trend continues unabated? Let thinking people weigh the possibilities. We could well reach that state where savagery and violence rule, and where truth and life and property are no longer safe. There is an answer. It is the only solution to the problem. Christ, Christianity, the Scriptures is that answer. The Church is the pillar and ground of the truth; Christ is the one who gives and supports spiritual life; the issue is the protection of everything we count dear.

Portrait of a Professor

If he gets into his office late they are waiting for him: students seeking answers to questions that he inspired, seeking guidance on the roads that he has made known to them. For after each hour in the classroom he is not done with them. His influence upon them is only begun, and they will stop and talk with him after the class or make appointments for personal conferences. They will demand an unreasonable amount of his time and cause him all manner of inconvenience, and he will not mind.

The Professor is the world's busiest man. He encourages his students to impose upon him. He sacrifices his evenings to talk for student organizations or conduct "bull sessions." When he has an afternoon free he invites his most promising students to his house for tea. The enthusiasm that he radiates fires kindred flames in the hearts of others; his zealous pursuit of excellence imbues them with equal earnestness.

When a few hours of freedom offers themselves he is delighted and grateful: they will enable him to devote himself for a while to his most absorbing interests: the problems in his field of research.

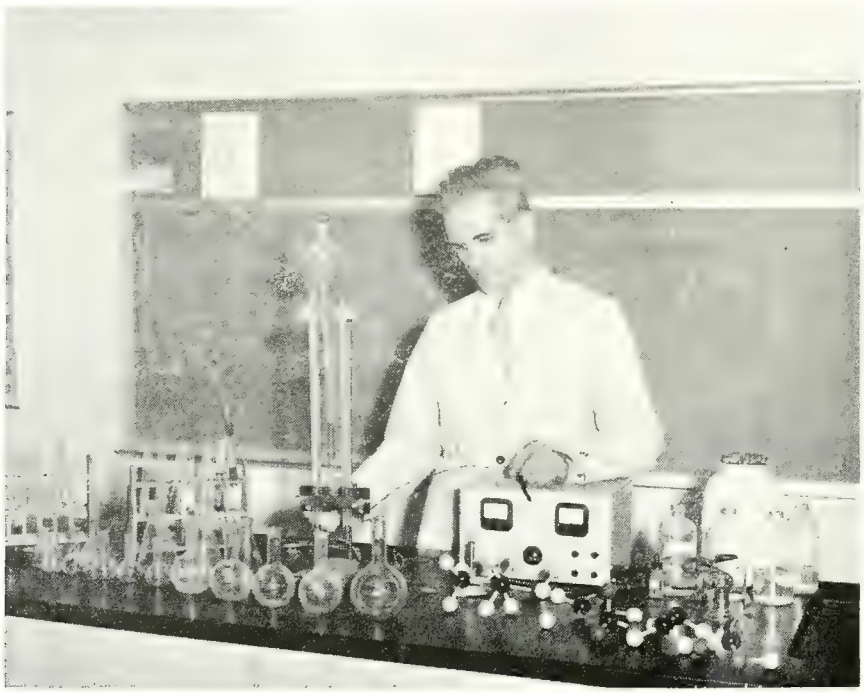
He is the world's busiest man, but he never made a million dollars in his profession—the idea never concerned him! Perhaps, if he is renowned in his field, he will be able, at the peak of his career, to make $10,000 a year. More likely it will be very much less, for the average yearly salary for full professors in the United States is less than $4,000. But the Professor's life is devoted not to the achievement of material profit, but to service.

He is the servant of everybody. He serves humanity at large by bringing his knowledge to bear upon its problems: finding ways of remedying human discord, alleviating human misery, and stimulating human happiness. His teaching makes other men more efficient. Dedicating his own life to service, he enables the men he teaches to attain success.

Industry depends upon him for engineers and technicians; commerce depends upon him for executives and specialists; government for leaders. Humanity depends upon him to supply doctors, ministers, teachers, intelligent citizens. And civilization owes to him not only its efficiency but its beauty: for the Professor, concerned with human happiness, knows and seeks to perpetuate the values of culture, of art and literature and music, which make people more humane and bring to them the highest, most satisfying pleasures.

Students in universities and colleges do not take courses: they take men. Adequate provision for these men is one of the most basic concerns of society and one of the most significant contributions that can be made by the far-seeing men and women who make the work of educational institutions possible.

By J. J. Gerber
Remarks to the Taylor University faculty



Nurses On Campus

By Lois Wilson, R.N.

Have you ever walked into a hotel lobby and beheld five or six young ladies in white uniform, shoes and hose, all waiting for a taxi to go to a hospital?

No one in Winona Lake had ever seen such a sight. That is, never until last year. For in September of 1961, seven girls, all graduate nurses, enrolled in the nursing degree program at Grace College. This was the first year so many nurses were enrolled. At the time of the scene in the lobby, they were enroute to their part-time jobs at a nearby hospital.

Arizona, Michigan, Ohio and Pennsylvania contributed these nurses last year. Though homes and backgrounds were widely separated, these girls all came to Grace with the same purpose: to further their education at a Christian college.

Grace offers these and other women who are yet to come, a two year program leading to a bachelor of science degree in nursing. Basic courses in English composition, History, the Sciences, fine arts and languages are taught.

Included in each semester's work is at least one Bible course, taught as all subjects are, by qualified instructors, devoted to Christian education.

Many girls take the two year course before entering training. Either route will lead to the nursing degree.

Although many girls come to Grace because of the Christian fellowship found here, that was not prevalent at their hospitals, or, because it was recommended by their pastors, all find a closer fellowship with the Lord and see a glimpse of His work for them in his harvest field.

DORMITORY FUND REPORT

as of 9-7-62

RECEIPTS AND UNPAID PLEDGES

Receipts to date:		*Unpaid pledges:*	
Gifts	$ 94,596	Gifts	$ 13,625
Investments	263,200	Investments	24,775
Total Receipts	$357,796	Total unpaid pledges	$ 38,400

Goal	**$600,000**
Total Receipts and unpaid pledges	396,196
BALANCE NEEDED	**$203,804**

GIFTS TO GRACE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

August 1962

	General Fund	Building Fund
Allegheny		
Aleppo, Pa.	34.30	23.20
Jenners, Pa.	20.50	5.00
Listie, Pa.	22.39	
Washington, Pa.	19.75	
East		
Altoona, Pa.	33.45	
Conemaugh, Pa. (Pike)	45.23	
Everett, Pa.	14.00	5.00
Hopewell, Pa.	5.00	
Johnstown, Pa. (Geistown)	30.00	
Johnstown, Pa. (Riverside)	34.50	
Kittanning, Pa. (First)	79.34	135.00
Kittanning, Pa. (North Buffalo)	23.60	
Martinsburg, Pa.	45.33	
Indiana		
Leesburg	16.72	43.61
Osceola	33.00	4.00
Sidney		150.00
Warsaw	23.00	
Winona Lake	38.84	
Iowa		
Cedar Rapids	27.37	
Dallas Center	60.00	50.00
Davenport	12.56	
Garwin	233.00	
Leon	16.64	
Waterloo	234.10	50.76
Michigan		
Alto	19.36	
Berrien Springs	17.96	
Grand Rapids	14.60	
Lake Odessa	49.39	
New Troy	34.00	
Ozark	13.55	
Mid-Atlantic		
Alexandria, Va.	30.47	
Hagerstown, Md. (Calvary)	38.29	
Hagerstown, Md. (Gay)	20.09	
Martinsburg, W. Va.		125.00
Waynesboro, Pa.	44.00	
Winchester, Va.	69.32	7.70
Camp Grace	26.60	
Midwest		
Beaver City, Nebr.	21.39	
Denver, Colo.	53.00	
Peabody, Kans.	83.05	
Taos, N. Mex.	22.55	
Newton		
Chico, Calif.	30.20	
Modesto, Calif. (LaLoma)	40.51	
San Jose, Calif.	11.36	
Northern Atlantic		
Allentown, Pa.	27.30	
Hatboro, Pa.	84.00	27.00
Palmyra, Pa.	47.10	75.23
Philadelphia, Pa. (Third)	20.90	
York, Pa.	31.87	
Northern Ohio		
Ashland	586.00	2.00
Canton	26.63	
Cleveland	32.30	
Cuyahoga Falls	16.85	2.00
Danville	70.90	
Elyria	22.57	
Fremont	26.61	
Homerville	17.00	
Mansfield (Grace)	171.50	14.00
Middlebranch	37.55	100.00
Northwest		
Albany, Oreg.	11.55	
Grandview, Wash	15.15	
Spokane, Wash.	27.50	
Sunnyside, Wash.	36.30	
Toppenish, Wash.	15.18	
Southeast		
Buena Vista, Va.	31.00	
Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	20.00	
Limestone, Tenn.	16.10	
Roanoke, Va. (Garden City)	27.97	
Roanoke, Va. (Ghent)	35.00	
Roanoke, Va. (Washington Heights)	76.75	
Virginia Beach, Va.	15.23	
Southeast District	30.00	
Southern California and Arizona		
Anaheim, Calif.	25.17	
Artesia, Calif.	14.58	
Beaumont, Calif.	43.50	
Bell, Calif.	9.00	
Compton, Calif.	272.50	
Fillmore, Calif.	22.74	
Gardena, Calif.	48.00	
Inglewood, Calif.	100.34	5.00
Long Beach, Calif. (First)	80.50	51.00
Long Beach, Calif. (South)	131.09	
Los Angeles, Calif.	125.95	
Norwalk, Calif.	28.33	
Pasadena, Calif.	15.25	
Phoenix, Ariz.	15.80	
San Diego, Calif.	5.57	
South Pasadena, Calif.	25.00	
Temple City, Calif.	2.60	5.00
West Covina, Calif.	6.00	
Whittier, Calif. (Community)	77.42	
Whittier, Calif. (First)	55.85	2.50
Southern Ohio		
Clayton, Ohio	50.50	10.00
Dayton, Ohio (First)		25.00
Dayton, Ohio (Patterson)	31.00	
Dixon, Ky.	15.00	
Vandalia, Ohio	38.00	5.00
Miscellaneous		
Isolated	52.50	2.50
Non Brethren	226.65	610.00
National Sisterhood of Mary & Martha		297.12
National Brethren W.M.C.		1.92
Maintenance	15.50	
Totals		2,557.54
Designated Gifts:		
Winona Lake, Ind.		223.38
Washington, D. C.		50.00
Ashland, Ohio		62.00
Canton, Ohio		50.12
Non Brethren		10.78
National Brethren W.M.C.		323.00
Student Body Offerings		32.00
National Conference Offering		148.50
Totals		899.78

DATELINE



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DALLAS CENTER, IOWA. Miss Donna Hawbaker, 13, a member of the First Brethren Church, captured top honors in a national Bible quoting contest sponsored by the Rural Bible Crusade of America. To qualify for national competition a district quote-down involved the memorization of 500 verses of Scripture.

JOHNSTOWN, PA. H. W. Nowag, a retired Brethren minister who is an active member of the Geistown Grace Brethren Church, celebrated his 80th birthday on Aug. 29.

WATERLOO, IOWA. Arnold Swanson, Christian Service Brigade director of Minneapolis, Minn., was the guest speaker at Grace Brethren Church on Sept. 12. John Aeby is pastor.

COMPTON, CALIF. A youth emphasis week was conducted at the First Brethren Church during Aug. 27 through Sept. 1. Roy Comstock, a youth evangelist, presented Bible answers to questions on dating, courtship, marriage, witnessing, prayer and so forth. Edwin Cashman, pastor.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Rev. and Mrs. Clair Brickel, R. D. 1, Box 315, Brookville, Ohio. Rev. and Mrs. Horace Mohler, 63 East Sherry Drive, Trotwood, Ohio. Rev. and Mrs. Francis M. Brill, 601 Riverside Avenue, Johnstown, Pa. Rev. and Mrs. William E. Johnson, 103 Cannell Drive, Somerset, Pa. Rev. and Mrs. Archie Lynn, The Green Hotel, Pasadena 17, Calif.

SOUTH BEND, IND. The youth group of the Ireland Road Brethren Church held a fagot service on Sept. 5 near the church. The Christian day school kindergarten class began Sept. 4 with 16 enrolled. This is the third year this school has been in operation in the church. Gene E. Witzky is pastor.

HAGERSTOWN, MD. Rededication services for the remodeled Grace Brethren Church were held Sept. 14-16. Arnold R. Kriegbaum and the Heralds of Grace quartet from Grace College conducted special services during these days. Dr. W. A. Ogden, pastor of the First Brethren Church, Washington, D. C., was the rededication speaker on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 16. William Schaffer, Jr., guest organist from Grace College, and Rev. Ralph Hall, architect from the Brethren Home Missions Council, Winona Lake, Ind., participated in the service on Sunday evening.

ALEXANDRIA, VA. The Christian Day School, operated by the Commonwealth Brethren Church, registered 24 children to start the 1962 Fall term in the nursery, kindergarten or first grade. John Burns, pastor.

DAYTON, OHIO. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Hart, of the First Brethren Church, who celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on Sept. 11. Wesley Haller, pastor of the First Brethren Church, Middlebranch, Ohio was guest speaker here on Sept. 16.

DAYTON, OHIO. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kinsey who celebrated their fifty-first wedding anniversary on Sept. 9 at the Patterson Park Brethren Church. Nathan Casement, pastor.

ELKHART, IND. A conference on revival and soul winning was held at the Elkhart High School during Sept. 17-19. The speakers were: Dr. Lee Roberson, Dr. Tom Malone, and Dr. John R. Rice. Gordon Bracker, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, cooperated in this conference sponsored by the Elkhart County Evangelical Pastor's Fellowship. Most of the pastors of the Indiana Fellowship of Brethren Churches were in attendance at some of the services.

JOHNSTOWN, PA. Stanley Hauser, an ordained Brethren minister and member of the Geistown Grace Brethren Church, has been hospitalized since Aug. 13 with a second severe heart attack. Prayer is requested.

BERNE, IND. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Fulhart of Bethel Brethren Church, who celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on Sept. 9. Kenneth Russell is pastor.

VANDALIA, OHIO. The Grace Brethren Church, Sherwood Durkee, pastor, has completed the purchase of property for a new church building. The property consists of six city-lots, which is approximately one and one-half acres. The total purchase price is $12,000.

WEDDING BELLS

Announcements in this column are published when sent in by a pastor.

Janet Ash and Donald Godown, Sept. 8, at the Patterson Park Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio.

Nancy Carol Sudduth and Leroy Richard Miller, Sept. 2, at the First Brethren Church, Winchester, Va.

Rachel Lowe and Hugh Burton, Sept. 8, at the First Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio.

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 30 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Church	*Date*	*Pastor*	*Speaker*
Kokomo, Ind.	Sept. 30-Oct. 7	Robert Burns	Kenneth Ashman
Listie, Pa.	Oct. 1-14	None	Ed Lewis
Davenport, Iowa	Oct. 2-14	Carl Key	B. Schneider
Philadelphia, Pa. (First)	Oct. 7-21	Robert Griffith	Leo Polman
Fremont, Ohio	Oct. 14-21	Thomas Hammers	Bill Smith
Limestone, Tenn.	Oct. 14-28	Lester Kennedy	Richard Grant
Portis, Kans.	Oct. 16-28	H. Stewart	B. Schneider

THE CHURCH and the NEW TESTAMENT

By Dr. Charles W. Mayes

Pastor, First Brethren Church
Long Beach, California

Much of the New Testament, as we find it so named in our Bible, is given over to the consideration of the church. The term "church" as it is used in the New Testament, sometimes refers to an assembly of believers, and sometimes to the group of believers as a whole who are called out in the church age.

In this discussion, we will think of the church in its broader sense—the church which is His body, made up of those who are saved within a certain time limit.

An Intercalation

Dr. Lewis Sperry Schafer describes the church as an intercalation. Some others have spoken of the church as a parenthesis, but in either case, the idea emphasized indicates that the church is called out during a period of time, "pushed into human history," which period could have been omitted or inserted without doing variance to the Old Testament prophetic utterances. The church is a special object of the love of the Lord Jesus covering a special time. It should be remembered that this does not mean that the church is an afterthought which God planned after other events had started to unfold. The church made up of those who were chosen in Him before the foundation of the world (Eph. 1:4), was planned in harmony with God's foreknowledge from the beginning.

Hidden From the Prophets

The church was hidden from the knowledge of the Old Testament prophets and believers so that they, previous to Christ's first coming, never saw the facts concerning the company of believers to be redeemed between the first and second comings of Christ. To the Old Testament prophets the first and second comings of Christ were not separated. This is illustrated in Isaiah 9:6 and 7 and Isaiah 61:1 and 2. In recognizing this fact, we should not make the mistake of saying that the Old Testament saints could not participate in redemption, or that their salvation was based upon anything else but grace.

Pentecost

The church began on the day of Pentecost and will end with the return of the Lord to take believers to be with Him in glory. There will be two groups of such believers, those who have died to be resurrected when He comes, and those who are then alive to be translated when He comes.

The church age has already lasted more than 1900 years. We do not know when our Lord will return as set forth in I Thessalonians 4:13 to 18, but it surely will be soon. We are living in the end of the age.

The church age parallels the period of time known as the kingdom of heaven in mystery, which mystery is described in the parables of Matthew 13. There is one important difference between the church and kingdom in mystery. The church spans the time between Pentecost and the coming again of the Lord to raise the dead and translate the living. The kingdom of heaven in mystery spans the time between the ministry of Christ on earth, according to Matthew 13:37, and His return as King of kings and Judge of the nations (Matt. 13:40-43). This accounts for the fact that in Matthew 13 instead of discussing the organism of the church, the matter of personal redemption, personal salvation, and personal relationship with Christ is set forth.

Paul and the Church

The explanation concerning the church as to its relation to God's overall purpose, was given primarily through the Apostle Paul. To him God revealed the great mystery concerning the dispensational unfolding of His purpose on earth when from all the nations of the earth there is to be gathered "the church which is his body."

Truly the church is a mystery hidden from the ages past. Likewise, it is a mystery hidden from those today who depend upon the wisdom of man.

A Man Who Invested in Worthless Stock



By Rev. Arnold R. Kriegbaum

Dean of Men and Director of Public Relations, Grace College

Some men invest for interest. Other men invest for security. Still others invest for pleasure. One need but go to a stock exchange in any large city and there he will see men keenly watching the fluctuation of the stocks, especially those in which they have invested. Many a man has gambled all his possessions on the stock of this world, and in the course of hours has lost thousands of dollars.

May I remind you of a man who invested all that he had in worldly stock? This man considered himself rich, secure, and above all, religious. This man took great pride in his investment, in his ingenuity, and in his intellect. In the "eyes of this world" he was considered a clever investor. On one occasion, this man journeyed to a distant city, and in the course of his journey he met an authority on the real value of this world's stock. This authority informed the man that the stock in which he had invested was absolutely worthless. When the man learned that the stock in which he had invested was of no value, contrary to human nature he did not weep, he did not commit suicide, nor did he seek revenge. Rather, this man patiently waited three long days for further word. During that time he did not eat, nor did he drink. Instead, he rejoiced! The record of this is found in Acts 9:1 to 9, where we learn of the conversion of Saul of Tarsus.

There is a natural question; namely, how can a man rejoice when he learns that he has lost in his investment? There is only one answer! Such a man rejoices because he has found the secret of true investment.

Worthlessness of Godless Righteousness

In what did Paul invest? In Philippians 3:4 to 6, Paul enumerates the things in which he had invested. They were his godless righteousness, his birth, his zeal, and his heritage. All these things were at one time "great gains" in Paul's blind, Jewish eyes. These were the reasons for Paul's high esteem of himself.

When the supreme authority on worldly investment, the Lord Jesus, spoke to Paul on the road to Damascus, then and there Paul recognized that he was one man of many who had invested in absolutely worthless stock. Paul concludes that these things because of what they are are to be considered as absolute loss or damage. In Philippians 3:7, "But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ," Paul literally declares that for a long time he had considered them as loss, but he continues so to think. That is, since his conversion on the road to Damascus, Paul has continuously considered all things loss in the earthly sphere that he might know the excellency of the knowledge of Christ. What once Paul considered a good investment he now has come to see as fallacious gain which damaged his soul and robbed him of godly righteousness.

Mark sets forth the same thought with regard to the value of worldly investment: "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Mark 8:36-37). In Philippians 3:8, the Apostle repeats the conviction of verse 7, and thus employs the double use of the word "loss" to emphatically state that his mind cannot be changed, inasmuch

as he has been made to discover a better investment. Paul literally declares that he was made to discover a better investment. In verse 8 he says: ". . . for whom I have suffered the loss of all things" or literally, "Because of whom I was made to lose all things." Paul's use of the passive is significant for the Apostle did not give up his Jewish investments of himself, but rather some authority made him lose them. Need we ask who?

Those former investments Paul counts but "dung." From the time of his experience on the road of Damascus, Paul has counted, and goes on counting them, as dung. Paul reconsiders his former investment and then boldly declares that those investments are becoming nothing more and nothing less than refuse, to be compared to manure; yea, to a stinking mess. God help us to so consider worldly achievement, worldly praise, worldly honors, and worldly gain. All such dividends on worldly investments are the result of godless righteousness. As long as a man depends upon investment in his own godless righteousness, he can never, in the literal sense, "get to gain" Christ nor "get to be found" in connection with him, neither will he ever learn the secret of true investment.

The Worth of Godly Righteousness

"And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith" (Phil. 3:9).

Paul learned, through the hard way, that "to gain Christ" was not through any Judaistic system nor law. Neither was it through Paul's natural birth. A man might be born and raised in a Christian home with Christian parents; yet without personal faith in Christ that man will go straight to hell. Neither was it through Paul's personal zeal. A man might be a faithful church member, and possess zeal beyond knowledge; and yet, refusing to acknowledge Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour, that man will go straight to hell. Paul had been made to see that his former investment was worthless, and that being "found in him," or being found in connection with Christ, he is receiving compound interest on his new investment. Not until Paul was made to suffer the loss of his godless righteousness, did he come to see the value of godly righteousness. Godless personal righteousnes can only be derived through the keeping of an earthly law, but the Apostle Paul vehemently declares that godly righteousness is "that which is through" or literally "out of" the faith of Christ.

The source of genuine, godly righteousness is not in man, but in God. This righteousness of God is imputed to every one who places faith in the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, which was accomplished on the cross, which was proved by the tomb, and which was guaranteed by the resurrection. This is the Gospel according to I Corinthians 15:3 to 4. Until man realizes the worth of godly righteousness, which is received by faith in these Gospel facts, he will never learn the secret of true investment.

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LAYMEN'S PAGE

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Mr. R. Stanley Tam, (left), the president of States Smelting and Refining Co., Lima, Ohio, is shown here explaining how his "silver collector" works to Mr. Frank Poland, a long-time friend. Mr. Tam spoke to the laymen on Friday of conference week.

Conference Laymen's Echoes

The laymen's sessions at this year's national conference were periods of real inspiration and spiritual challenge to all the men who attended. Dedicated, sincere laymen were the featured speakers, and the presence of God's Holy Spirit was felt as these men spoke to us each morning. A period of time was also spent in prayer each morning, and various men led in these sessions around the throne of grace.

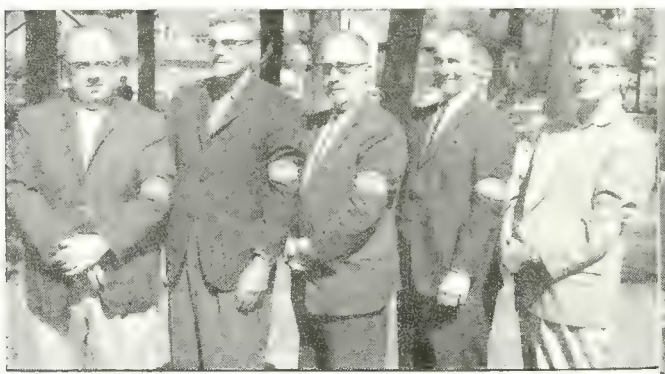
Messages centered around the theme, "Bold in the Lord," and each speaker's message related to this topic. Ken Kohler, president, spoke Tuesday morning on the theme for the week, followed on Wednesday by Bob Foltz on "Boldness at the Throne." Then Thursday Richard Beach spoke on "Boldness in the Faith," and Friday morning our special guest, R. Stanley Tam, brought a message on "Boldness in Witnessing." A number of the men present made decisions and commitments to the Lord when the invitation was extended at the close of this service. The final day, Saturday, saw Harold Bolesky speak to us on the subject, "Boldness in the Day of Judgment."

Attendance averaged eighty-two for the week, and on Friday morning a high point was reached when 102 were present. Offerings for the week totaled $304.53, of which $181.80 was designated for the scholarship fund.

Mr. Tam, our special speaker on Friday morning, gave the men present a reprint of an article telling about the Lord's leading in his life and business. It was thrilling to read of how



Shown above are the balance of the speakers who were featured at this year's laymen's meetings. Left to right, they are: Harold Bolesky, Mansfield, Ohio; Richard Beach, Altoona, Pa.; Robert Foltz, South Bend, Ind.; and Ken Kohler, Philadelphia, Pa.



Laymen were in charge of ushering at conference again this year. Pictured here are some of the men who assisted: Clarence Martin, Hagerstown, Md.; W. R. Nelson, Akron, Ohio; Herb Edwards, Trotwood, Ohio (Herb served as head usher); Leonard Rousselow, Waterloo, Iowa; and Maurice Hearn, Philadelphia, Pa.



General view of one of the laymen's meetings.

the Lord has blessed through the years. The business Mr. Tam heads grosses about $500,000 per year, and the entire profits go for the support of seven full-time missionaries. Stating "God owns my business," Tam noted that it has been necessary to build a new factory four times larger than the old one, since he turned over the business to the Lord's work several years ago.

A very excellent turnout of pastors and laymen was noted as the men gathered on Friday morning at the Winona Hotel for the annual breakfast. One hundred ninety men enjoyed the 7:00 a.m. event, with fellowship the featured attraction over coffee and scrambled eggs.

On Thursday morning, goals and projects were adopted. Look for the complete listing of these in the October laymen's page. Projects this year total $6,862.18, of which $2,000 is toward the completion of our Grace College scholarship fund; $3,500 is designated for the Board of Evangelism; $1,000 for the general fund, and $362.18 for the five $100 scholarships currently due ($137.82 has been received in interest thus far from our investment, and the interest plus the $362.18 totals $500).

President Ken Kohler encouraged the men present to take back to their local groups the challenge of supporting our national projects. Many of the laymen's organizations support the projects with a percentage of their regular monthly offering, and it was felt that if more would consider doing this, the amounts suggested would be reached very easily.

Thursday's meeting saw a "brainstorming session" with the men presenting ideas and suggestions on improving the work of national laymen.

At Saturday morning's meeting, Dr. Charles Ashman spoke to the men concerning the program of the Board of Ministerial and Retirement Benefits, encouraging us to support this board when we return to our respective churches.

New officers were installed by Brother Harold Bolesky from Mansfield, Ohio, the featured speaker on Saturday morning.

(We are grateful to Allen Zook for the pictures taken for these two pages—Edit.)



Your national laymen's officers for 1962-1963 are pictured above. Left to right, they are: Laymen's page editor, Ken Herman, Winona Lake, Ind.; vice president, James Knepper, York, Pa.; treasurer, Ben Zimmerman, Warsaw, Ind.; secretary, Ralph Grady, Waterloo, Iowa; and president, Ken Kohler, Philadelphia, Pa.



Scene at the laymen-pastor's breakfast on Friday, August 17.

Committee Plans Retreat

The executive committee of the Northern Atlantic District Laymen met recently near Reading, Pennsylvania to make plans for their annual fall retreat. The president of the district organization, George Wilhelm of York, Pennsylvania, presided. The district's fall retreat was held September 14 and 15 in the Blue Mountains near Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.



The Northern Atlantic District executive committee: Left to right, they are: Harry Knepper, York, Pa.; George Wilhelm, also from York, Pa.; William Hetrick, Hatboro, Pa.; Edgar Theal, Palmyra, Pa.; and Robert Hykes, Lancaster, Pa.

Let's Talk SUNDAY SCHOOL

By Dr. Harold H. Etling
Director, National Sunday School Board

Tenth Sunday School Convention Echoes

Delegates to the tenth annual Sunday School Convention of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, together with their friends, hastened their footsteps as they saw the seats of the auditorium rapidly filling on Sunday morning, August 12.

Overhead on the platform hung the sign carrying the theme of the convention, and the theme of emphasis for this year in Brethren Sunday Schools, "FOCUS ON IMPROVEMENT."

With Miss Sharon Auxt at the organ, and Mrs. Leo Polman at the piano, Rev. Leo Polman led the congregation of almost a thousand people in the song service which set the stage for a wonderful time of conference, workshops, inspiration, and fellowship. The theme song "For Times Like These" was sung with real meaning in almost every session, and we are sure that many will be singing this song throughout the year.

In the words of Dr. Clate Risley, our keynote speaker, and the man named "Dr. Sunday School, USA," "Times are not as usual. A fearful world reels under the impact of nuclear testings. A roar of mighty missiles and the throbbing tread of multiplying masses seeking the answer to unsolved problems, resound in the remotest hamlet. A space-age culture has imposed heavy responsibilities upon every evangelical church. Our times cry out for the speedy evangelization of earth's millions. The call is urgent.

"For such a time the Word of God is clear. 'Put ye in the sickle for the harvest is ripe.' It points us to the 'multitudes . . . in the valley of decision' and declares 'the day of the Lord is near.' What is the answer? Christ is the answer. But He can only be effective as He is made known. Unusual times demand unusual Christians totally dedicated to God with an unusual devotion and an unusual program. It is therefore imperative that all evangelical Christians, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, unite to do the unusual: to DOUBLE IN THIS DECADE. Under God we can . . . and we will!"

10 Seconds—66

Sunday night at convention is always a time of real inspiration, but this year it brought an especial challenge through the production of "10 Seconds—66," which is the portrayal of the truth that every ten seconds, sixty-six souls go out into eternity. This again brought into focus the fact that Brethren Sunday Schools must double in this decade. With more people than ever before living in our nation, the opportunities for presenting the Gospel have never been so plentiful. *We must Double in This Decade!*

Contest Winners Announced

Center stage of the Winona Lake Auditorium on Sunday night stood the table of lovely awards to be given to those who had taken first place in both their divisions, and districts.

Beautiful cups were given to winners in their divisions when pastors and superintendents were invited to the platform. Names of third place winners, and second place winners were read, but the cups went to first place only as follows:

Division A North Long Beach, California
Division B Fort Lauderdale, Florida
Division C Hagerstown, Maryland, Calvary
Division D Dayton, Ohio, Patterson Park
Division E Jenners, Pennsylvania
Division F South Gate, California
Division G Trotwood, Ohio
Division H Yakima, Washington
Division I Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Plaques indicating first place in District Competition were awarded to the following churches:

Allegheny—Washington, Pennsylvania
East—Geistown, Pennsylvania
Indiana—South Bend, Indiana
Iowa—Davenport, Iowa
Michigan—Grand Rapids, Michigan
Mid-Atlantic—Alexandria, Virginia
Midwest—Albuquerque, New Mexico
Northern Atlantic—Lancaster, Pennsylvania
Nor-Cal—No award—churches disqualified
Northern Ohio—Middlebranch, Ohio
Northwest—Portland, Oregon
Southern California-Arizona—West Covina, California
Southeast—Pompano Beach, Florida
Southern Ohio—Trotwood, Ohio

Special honors as the *Sunday School of the Year* went to the Fort Lauderdale Church with the awarding of a large cup, indicating "School of the Year." This school has had an outstanding record, moving into a new division each year of their existence, and until the present hour, have taken home first place in their division each year with one exception. They have now moved into division A, and promise some real competition to the churches of this division.

One other special award was made, a *Citation* awarded by the National Sunday School Board for outstanding achievement in the matter of continuous growth. Alexandria, Virginia has had a consecutive record of thirty-six months of increase over the same month of the year before. This is a record for any Brethren church, and perhaps a record of some kind for any Sunday school. The framed "Citation" was given as the award to this church. By the way, the August report indicates that another month has been added to the previous record, and they have been challenged to go on from this point.

Our Tenth Convention was without doubt our greatest, but already plans are under way for the eleventh, which will be held at Winona Lake, Indiana, August 11-12, 1963.

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Gleanings From the



A foreign missions program at National Conference; Rev. Walter Haag speaking; Dr. Floyd Taber, Rev. J. Paul Dowdy, and Dr. Russell Barnard seated, left to right.

The board of trustees of The Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church met in fourteen different sessions, beginning on the evening of Monday, August 6. The meeting of the Ohio and California corporations of the Society, in joint session at Winona Lake, Indiana, took place on Friday, August 17. Resulting from these meetings are the following items of interest.

Trustee Election

Kenneth B. Ashman, W. Russell Ogden, Dean Fetterhoff, and Herman J. Schumacher were elected to the board of trustees for terms of three years each. Other members of the board are Homer A. Kent, Sr., Ivan F. Moomaw, W. A. Ogden, Bernard N. Schneider, Charles W. Mayes, Alva J. McClain, and Glenn F. O'Neal. The same organization of the board and society continues as before, with Bernard N. Schneider, president; W. A. Ogden, vice president; Kenneth B. Ashman, recording secretary; and Homer A. Kent, Sr., treasurer. The entire administrative and office staff continues as before.

Missionary Allowances

In some fields allowances had not been changed or revised for eight to ten years. There was therefore a general revision of missionary allowances, giving consideration to all fields. As a result, approximately $10,000 was added to the anticipated expenditures of the Society. There is also an arrangement by which the allowance schedules will be reconsidered every two years.

The Jobsons' Service Continued

The board is encouraged by the very fine response to the work of Dr. and Mrs. Orville D. Jobson in missionary conference and deputation work, and so they are being continued in this activity and will be available to churches for missionary conferences and all such types of missionary activity. During the immediate future, Dr. Jobson will be working in the eastern part of the United States. It would be well for those desiring his services to contact him as soon as possible.

Society Policy in Relation to the Indigenous Church

Policies are usually developed through a period of time. In our various fields a great deal of thought has been given to the relationship of the missionary and the mission to the national church in the land. After many years of consideration, the board of trustees has felt led to offer a policy of operation for our various fields. This policy is being printed in this issue, directly following this article.

Services Terminated

The services of Miss Ruth Gamboa



COVER PHOTO—FOREIGN MISSION ISSUE

African student pastors eagerly reading a new Sango-language publication (upper picture) may have begun their education as youngsters in an outdoor class taught by a native teacher (lower picture).

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FMS Annual Meetings

as a missionary were terminated as of August 20, 1962. We wish to thank Miss Gamboa for her interest in the Hawaiian people, and pray God's blessing for her in any future ministry. For the present she will continue to live in the Hawaiian Islands.

French Bible Center Plan

Our missionaries to France, Rev. Fred Fogle and Rev. Tom Julien, have been spending much time and prayer in planning for the years ahead. As a result, they have offered a plan to the board of trustees, which the board after prayerful consideration has approved. Elsewhere in this issue you will find an article, "A Bible Center for France," by Brother Julien in which he has explained this plan.

Africa Christian Radio Station

The board favored continued cooperation in investigation with other boards interested in the possibility of the establishment of a Christian radio station in Africa. The most we can say at the present time is that we urge you to pray with us that, if this project be of the Lord, it may be made possible, and that the funds for its establishment may be forthcoming.

Field Visitation Plan

The general plan is that each field shall enjoy periodic visits from office personnel and/or board members at least once in each five years. In the case of the fields which are nearer the home office, the visits may be arranged as deemed necessary and as personnel are available. According to this plan, Rev. Clyde K. Landrum was to visit Puerto Rico, leaving Winona Lake September 15 and returning a week later. Then he will also be visiting Argentina, leaving Miami October 18, and will be away about six weeks. According to present plans, the General Secretary, Dr. Russell D. Barnard, will visit Brazil in 1963. Africa and France will be visited in 1964, the personnel to be yet selected. Mr. Herman Schumacher accompanied Brother Landrum in the visit to Puerto Rico. Mr. Ivan Moomaw plans to visit Argentina with Brother Landrum. Mrs. Moomaw and Mrs. Landrum will very probably accompany their husbands.

Midyear Meeting

The date for the midyear meeting of the board of trustees is February 12-16, 1963, the meeting place to be the First Brethren Church in Long Beach, California.

Appreciation to Dr. Herman Koontz

On July 1, 1962, Dr. Koontz concluded twenty-six years of continuous missionary service as a member of the board of trustees. On behalf of all of you members, the board made a special note of appreciation.

Approval for Return

At earlier board meetings a number of the missionaries still in the United States were approved for return. At this annual meeting the following additional ones were approved, subject to satisfactory medical reports: *Africa,* Dr. and Mrs. Floyd Taber and Miss Mary Beth Munn; *Argentina,* Rev. and Mrs. J. Paul Dowdy and Mrs. Loree Sickel; *Brazil,* Rev. and Mrs. Edward Miller and Miss Barbara Hulse; *France,* Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Julien.

Candidate Actions

Miss Evelyn Tschetter is in nurse's training. She coached the winning quiz team of 1961, and accompanied them to Puerto Rico. She has received very favorable action. There will be some years of seminary training beyond her nurse's training.

Rev. and Mrs. George Cripe have received favorable action as candidates to serve in France. For the present they have accepted employment in a schoolteaching position in France with the U. S. Army, but in their extra time will serve in cooperation with our missionaries there,

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Missionaries and families present at National Conference. Left to right, seated: Miss Grace Byron, Mrs. Loree Sickel, Mrs. Orville Jobson, Miss Florence Bickel. Standing: Rev. and Mrs. Robert Williams; Rev. and Mrs. Tom Julien with Terry and Becky; Mrs. Floyd Taber; Miss Elizabeth Tyson; Rev. and Mrs. Eddie Miller; Dr. Orville Jobson; Rev. Walter Haag; Dr. Floyd Taber; Douglas Haag, Sandra Haag, Rev. Paul Dowdy; Robert Dowdy; Mrs. Paul Dowdy; Mrs. Walter Haag; Sharon Haag.

THE POLICY

of The Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church

IN RELATION TO THE

NATIONAL "INDIGENOUS" CHURCH

1. General purpose—The purpose of the mission is to evangelize with the goal of establishing local churches.

 a. Definition of a local church: A local church is a constituted body of baptized believers who (1) meet regularly for worship, prayer, and study of the Word; (2) determine their own membership; (3) discipline their members; (4) choose their leaders; (5) observe the ordinances; (6) handle their finances; (7) carry on a program of evangelization; (8) determine their external relationships.

2. The individual missionary's relationship to the local church.

 a. The goal of the missionary shall be to lead groups of believers into full New Testament organizations having a trained leadership adequate for the needs of each local group.

 b. He shall recognize the autonomy of the local church, once organized, and shall not hold membership nor office in it.

 c. He shall recognize the spiritual equality and potentiality of this church and its members.

 d. He may, at the request of the church, assist by teaching the Word and training leaders.

 e. He may counsel and warn the church.

 f. He will make a gradual and definite withdrawal from these functions while continuing in a ministry of intercession.

3. Definition and authority of a conference of national churches (should local churches choose to so organize).

 a. A conference is a fellowship of autonomous local churches meeting for the purpose of mutual edification, fellowship, and service.

 b. A conference should govern its own affairs, but the district conference of national churches cannot infringe on the autonomy of the local church, and the general conference of national churches cannot infringe on the authority of the district conference nor the local church.

 c. The individual missionary's relationship to the district conference: We regard the missionary's relationship to any conference to be that of an advisor with no official authority.

 d. The relationship of the medical work to the local church: It is our purpose to bring the medical work under the supervision of the local church.

 For the present: We commend the following steps now being taken toward the accomplishment of this end.

 (1) The churches recommend new candidates to the medical work.

 (2) The churches are consulted on the transfer of national medical workers.

 (3) Spiritual training at Bible Institute is under the supervision of the African Church.

 (4) Spiritual discipline is in the hands of the local church.

 (5) On stations where elementary Bible schools are held, African medical personnel attend classes.

 (6) The cooperation of the local pastor in the preaching of the Gospel at the dispensary is invited.

 (7) All personal decisions for Christ are referred to the local pastors and the pastor visits the hospitalized.

 (8) A directory committee of national pastors for medical work is now in operation.

 (9) A definite training program, planned by the African Church for the African medical workers, is being followed.

 Goal for the future: We look forward to the African Church ultimately taking over the total administration of the medical work.

 e. The relationship of the educational work to the local church: It is our purpose that the educational work be under the supervision of the national church—this is to be true of all levels of our educational program.

 f. Any program that relates to the national church should ultimately be under the direction of the national church.

(*Note:* Item no. 3d relates to Africa only since Africa is the only field in which we have an organized medical work.)

A Bible Center for France

By Rev. Tom Julien

The dominant attitude in France toward spiritual things can be summarized in one word—indifference. Generally speaking, the French do not oppose the Gospel; neither do they accept it. They are simply unconcerned.

In view of this, we who are your missionaries in France often find ourselves asking this question: "How can we best use our lives to make the greatest spiritual impact upon the people? At least two conclusions have been drawn: (1) It is unwise for an American to serve as pastor of a French congregation, and (2) The most profitable work is that which is done with youth.

Thus, during the last meetings of the Foreign Missionary Society board of trustees, the missionaries to France prayerfully submitted a plan which we feel may be greatly used of God in reaching and training the French. This plan allows us to engage in a personal ministry with the people without being pastors of churches, and it allows us to concentrate a large share of our efforts upon young people. It does not replace present work, but will supplement and unify what we are now doing.

Briefly the plan is this. We wish to procure suitable property for the establishment of a French Bible Center. During the vacation months of July and August this property would serve as a youth camp and a Bible conference grounds. During the rest of the year it would serve as an evangelistic base in the surrounding area. Weekly activities for children and young people would be organized, and at all times the center would be open to those desiring Christian fellowship and training. At least once a month an effort would be made to bring together all the Christians of the area for a day of spiritual refreshment.

In short, the possibilities for such a center would be nearly unlimited. Its importance would increase as years pass and as it would become known in the area as a lighthouse of truth in the midst of spiritual darkness.

We have come to the place in our work where we feel that such a center is more than just another way of reaching the people. We feel that it is a necessity if we are to do the kind of work that we as a Brethren mission must do.

For this reason, we are asking our Brethren in America to be very concerned and generous, both in their prayers and their gifts. We trust that between $10,000 and $15,000 will be pledged during the year for the project.

Any persons desiring more detailed information may feel free to write to the office of the Foreign Missionary Society.

"WORLD LITERATURE" OBSERVANCE

The fifth World Literature Sunday, October 14, will be observed by evangelical Christians around the world. This day, which is set aside for an emphasis on the role of missionary literature and the power of the printed page for Christian outreach, was recognized by churches and missions in thirty-three countries last year. It is anticipated that this year's observance, which will have "Survival" for its theme, will be even more widespread.

Fourteen years ago a scientist wrote: There is no shelter on earth that can protect the human race from the unleashed destructiveness of nuclear bombs. Today this is more ominously true than ever. The dark clouds of nuclear test explosions are hanging threateningly over the world.

There is no place to hide—not in America, Europe, Asia, Africa, anywhere. Day after day, mankind balances on the brink of eternity, tensely apprehensive about the tiny misstep that will plunge him and his achievements to final ruin. Dazed, he wonders, "Is there any hope?"

The bewildered man of the world can have no confident hope because he has no safe shelter, no sure promise of a future. He has never heard in his heart the transforming words of Jesus Christ: "He that believeth on me hath everlasting life. I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live" (John 6:45; 11:25).

Astronauts Glenn and Carpenter have orbited the earth, but these life-giving words of Jesus have not yet gone around the world. Millions upon millions have not heard them.

This need is the concern of missionaries all over the world who are increasingly recognizing in the printed page a powerful tool for the spreading of the Gospel in our modern times.

These modern times are changing times. Eighty million new literates are joining the world's reading population each year. This mushrooming literacy rate in most parts of the world has greatly increased the need and opportunities for this tool—the printed page . . .

—*ELO Bulletin*

In October of last year, the Foreign Missions Issue of the *Brethren Missionary Herald* was a special "literature" number. We do heartily endorse the observance of "World Literature Sunday" as publicized by the Evangelical Literature Overseas organization. However, it has seemed more fitting to place in the so-called "Foreign Missions Season" the Brethren observance of Christian world literature needs. Consequently, a few months hence there will appear another special literature issue of the *Missionary Herald*, and there will be other means employed to call attention to the tremendous needs in this field.



The "Chalet" (portable hall) at Bron, France, where meetings were held.

The Often Forgotten Element in the Great Commission!

By Rev. P. Fredrick Fogle

When Jesus was about to return to His Father on Ascension Day, He left His disciples a final challenge and command which is generally called the "Great Commission." According to Matthew and Mark He told them to go into all the world and make other disciples, to baptize and to teach, and He promised to accompany them constantly in all their labors for His glory.

It is to be carefully noted and stressed that the account in the Gospel according to Luke and the one in the Book of Acts add a very important element which is not always mentioned in messages on the "Great Commission," and is too often neglected on the mission field, whether it be at home or abroad.

It is this important matter of PRAYER. In Luke 24:49, the disciples were told by Christ to go to Jerusalem and remain there until they be "endued with power from on high." In Acts, chapter 1, it is said that they were commanded to remain in Jerusalem to await the coming of the Holy Spirit.

This instruction from the Lord Jesus to His chosen co-workers to wait in Jerusalem was necessary, for He knew that the disciples could not be effective witnesses until they had been filled with the Holy Spirit; and to be prepared for this marvelous action which would enable them to carry out the "Great Commission." They needed to PRAY. The Saviour had taught them to PRAY and had shown them the importance of it by His own example, and then He told them to go and spend some days in PRAYER and praise. According to God's plan, it turned out to be ten days. The record says that they obeyed the Lord and "continued with one accord in prayer and supplication . . ." (Acts 1:14).

Thus it is seen that PRAYER, the dynamic of all Christian service, was not forgotten by Christ when He gave the "Great Commission," and we who are His servants dare not forget it nor neglect it.

Those who were the first to carry out the commission of Christ Jesus were men of PRAYER. The case of the Apostle Paul is outstanding: "Night and day praying exceedingly . . ." (I Thess. 3:10), and "Wherefore also we pray always for you . . ." (II Thess. 1:11), and so forth.

Your missionaries to France have from the beginning believed—and always will believe, by God's grace—



Children at the "Chalet" in Bron.

in PRAYER as an important element in the Lord's work. It is the purpose of this article to share with you some answers to prayer—to your prayers and to ours—on behalf of the Brethren witness in France as an illustration of the place of prayer in missions as taught by the Lord.

This past Easter a series of meetings was organized in our gospel center in Lyon, France, and special prayer went up for those meetings. They were considered to be crucial, and therefore much prayer was offered to God. And He answered. The interest was good, the attendance was encouraging, and the Spirit of God was present and working. Because of the Lord's answer to prayer for these meetings, a decision was made which will play an important role in the future of the work in France.

During the first part of the month of June, another series of meetings was held in a suburb of Lyon in our portable hall. The permission by the local authorities to install our building on the city lot came in an unexpected way and as an answer to PRAYER. The Lord intervened in a wonderful way and made possible this series which was one of the best since we have begun using the portable hall. The attendance was from fifty to seventy at night with a goodly number standing outside listening through the loudspeaker, and there were up to eighty children for the afternoon meeting.

Later the same month, another type of evangelism was planned and carried out. Four cities were chosen for the showing of several of the science films of the Moody Bible Institute. Here again in answer to PRAYER, authorization was received from municipal halls in two of the cities, and movie theaters in the other two. It was interesting to be able to present the Word of God in this modern way and to preach the Gospel in movie theaters. During this trip, it is estimated that a total of 350 different people were reached in the four cities. Two hundred and fifty Gospels were distributed and several Bibles sold. The effort was very much worthwhile and it is firmly believed that God will work in the hearts of many.

Being reminded of this teaching of the Lord, and seeing the results of our prayers, let us persevere in PRAYER before Him and thank Him for the answers.

I AM BACK IN AFRICA

By Miss Edith Geske

My first experience in flying by jet plane came on July 25, when I left the United States to return to Africa for my third term of service. The flight took eight hours—from Chicago to Paris, with one stop at Montreal, Canada. It did not seem possible that we covered so much distance in that time, I felt as if I were still flying.

In Paris I was privileged to visit with the Fogles, our Brethren missionaries there. Then, after a two-day layover in Paris in order to make connections for a plane to Africa on July 28, I began the second lap of my journey. Two stops were made en route during the fifteen-hour trip from Paris to Bangui, the capital of the Central African Republic. We were a half-hour late in arriving due to being delayed at Fort Lamy, and passing through a storm. It was good to be back; I was so excited about seeing my missionary and African friends.

The third lap of the journey was by car up-country about 250 miles. We left shortly after noon of the day of our arrival, and got to the Bible Institute station about 9 p.m. I rode in a Volkswagen with Marian Thurston, who was also returning to Africa, and with Mary Cripe. Riding over these same roads was not a new experience. However, the unexpected can be a new experience; we could buy soda pop along the way to drink on the spot. En route up-country, a Mission pickup which was accompanying us, refused to keep going. But we waited until Mr. Goodman fixed it so that we could travel together the rest of the way.

Needless to say, I was happy to arrive at my destination and get settled. When my African friends greeted me, they thanked the Lord for answering their prayers in bringing me back. I thanked Him, too, for



everyone who so faithfully prayed for me during my furlough year, and for His answer to prayer.

Now that I am again in the work, my journey back to Africa is history. The challenges of the medical work are before me in supervising the dispensary and teaching the student nurses. I sense the urgency, on the part of the Mission, for meeting the spiritual and educational needs of the people in providing more lesson materials and literature in both the Sango and French languages. The job is a tremendous one and there are so few workers to help meet the challenges of the hour. Brethren, pray the Lord of the harvest to thrust forth laborers into this needy field!

Gleanings . . .

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under the guidance of the Society.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Nelson Fay, appointed for service in Argentina, are now in deputation work. They will accompany Mrs. Loree Sickel upon her return to Argentina, leaving Los Angeles on the MS *Brazil Maru,* the sailing date being about January 13, 1963.

Rev. and Mrs. Phillip Guerena will probably begin their work in Mexico about March 1, 1963, going first to Mexico City where, according to present plans, Brother Guerena will enroll in the university.

THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

Clyde K. Landrum, Director Box 588—Winona Lake, Ind.

Missionary Helpers—

KNOWING YOUR MISSIONARIES—



When you read this, MIFers, Rev. and Mrs. James Marshall and their family will be somewhere on the Atlantic Ocean. They are returning to the field for a third term of service in Argentina. With them are their four sons (left to right in the picture): Michael, Andy, Peter, and David. All of the boys were born in Argentina. The Marshalls first went to the field in 1950. They lived at the station of Corral de Bustos. During their second term they lived at the mission headquarters in Rio Cuarto where Mr. Marshall was the missionary pastor. As they return for their third term they are waiting for the Lord to direct them to a new location where they can serve Him.





Above, Becky Terrell, Martinsburg, Pa. (First Brethren Church). Below, Karen Beichler, Creston, Ohio (First Brethren Church of Sterling).

MARY MISSIONARY—(Written by the FMS staff during the absence of "Uncle Clyde")



Peace in a Brazilian Believer's Heart



BY MRS. RANDALL MAYCUMBER

Scarlet threads woven with blue and gold stretched across the Brazilian sky. To Nilce her Saviour seemed very near at this moment. Out of the house and into the glowing evening she took the twins, and they toddled along, one on each side of her.

"Ruth and Rachel," she said, "look at the sky, see what colors the Lord Jesus has made. We can see His love for us in even the sky that He has made."

The twins smiled that all-knowing smile of childhood, dainty curls bouncing as they padded along. It was early in the evening, the time for Brazilians to "take a stroll" before entering their homes to prepare the evening meal.

"Good evening, sister," ("sister" being the greeting given one believer to another) called Maria. "How are you and your pretty twins today?"

"The twins are full of life as usual, but they *are* such a blessing to us. As for me, I am tired after a week of teaching and directing the school and then studying in the evenings. By Friday night I am worn out." Nilce's voice was tired but not resentful. Maria was quick to encourage: "We are all blessed and helped by your testimony, sister—our school here is fortunate to have had your faithful service."

Nilce replied, "It is nothing, nothing at all—and thank you, sister."

"Mommy, Mommy," came Ruth's eager voice, "let's go walking."

"Yes," answered Mommy, "we will go. So long, sister. God bless you."

Nilce turned to walk with the twins, and her pleasant brown face seemed more alive as she thought over the kind words of her friend. It was true, she contemplated, being faithful to the Lord was not always easy—and keeping such a tight schedule with four children (there was an older boy and another girl younger than the twins) and a husband in poor health. But one thing was sure, God had been faithful throughout the years.

Sunday found the family in Sunday school and the parents assisting in the teaching of the Word. And in the sleepy afternoon Nilce once again left her house, going into the blazing heat of a tropical day. She joined other women, members of the missionary group, who would visit that day in homes of sick members and unbelievers.

In the first home, by Bible reading and prayer the ladies encouraged a sister who was ill.

Next, the ladies entered a home where they had never been before. They had gone at the request of one of the men of the church who had been witnessing to the husband of the home. Upon entering, they found several children underfoot, and the sound of a sick child crying filled the hot, humid air. The mother of the family greeted the visitors—not unkindly, but also not friendly. While the ladies were being seated, Nilce noticed that the woman had turned to a door that opened into another room, and, as she stood in the doorway, was gently swinging two hammocks at once, one in the room where her guests were seated and the other in the next room.

As usual the conversation began to turn to children, and upon inquiry Nilce found this woman also had twin girls. But as Nilce opened her mouth to speak of the blessing hers were, the woman interrupted, saying: "Yes, God hates me, I know God hates me, He is very mad at me and that is why He gave me two children this time instead of one. And now one of them is sick all the time."

Calmly Nilce spoke: "No, madam, the Bible tells us that children are a heritage from the Lord—they are a blessing of His."

"NO!" the woman insisted. "God is mad at me, and look—there coming down the road is the husband He gave me! He is no good—all my life is filled with the madness of God. He has cursed me with twins. My life is filled with work because of God's hate!"

The very presence of this group of believers seemed to incense the woman and she continued to strike out at the Lord who had given her life, and life also to the four or five little ones in her care.

Nilce's heart swelled within her as she thought again of her own heavy schedule. Peace, the abiding peace of God, seemed to flood her heart. After they had read from the Bible, the women called on Nilce to pray. She prayed for the woman, her children, her twins—that her eyes would be opened to see the truths of God's Word.

As they left the house, Nilce could not help feeling that she had been allowed to see this woman and her attitude so that she herself might value anew the richness of life with Christ. "Thank You for such a rich, full life in Thee," was her silent prayer as she entered her home at the end of an afternoon of service.



Ruth and Rachel, twin daughters of Nilce, director of the [illegible] day school

NEWS

MEMBER EPA EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION

BROOKVILLE, OHIO. On Sept. 9 Clair Brickel assumed the pastoral duties of the new Brookville Grace Brethren Church. On this Sunday there were 37 present for Sunday school, 39 for morning worship, and 42 in the evening service. The following Wednesday night there were 29 present in a home for prayer and praise service. The church is holding services in the Golden Gate Park pavilion where they began services the first Sunday in May of this year. On Monday night, Sept. 17, the congregation surprised the pastor and family at their home with an old-fashioned food pounding. Membership at the present time stands at 29.

BEAUMONT, CALIF. Wendell E. Kent, formerly pastor of the Cherry Valley Brethren Church, accepted the call to become pastor of the Wash ington Heights Brethren Church of Roanoke, Va. His ministry will begin Oct. 1.

WINONA LAKE, IND. Grace College announces dates for High School Day. October 26 for all high-school students west of the Indiana-Ohio border. Nov. 2 for all high-school students east of the Indiana-Ohio border.

KITTANNING, PA. The First Brethren church sponsored an evangelistic tent campaign with Leo Polman as evangelist during September. Rev. William Schaffer reports that the attendance was wonderful and the response amazing. The first invitation resulted in 30 decisions. A Jewish man and his daughter were numbered among the converts during another service in the tent.

WATERLOO, IOWA. Gary Bergmeier was the first one to be baptized in the new building of the Grace Brethren Church here. He was baptized on Sept. 5 by trine immersion before going to Grace College. He was also taken into membership at the same time. John Aeby is pastor.

FREMONT, OHIO. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Fay, missionaries under appointment to Argentina by the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church, were guest speakers at the Grace Brethren Church on Sept. 16. Thomas Hammers, pastor.

WASHINGTON, D. C. Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Ogden were welcomed into their new ministry at the First Brethren Church with a reception on Aug. 26. The parsonage was made ready with a beautiful new coat of paint throughout, and the shelves and refrigerator were packed to capacity. The reception was reported to be a very happy event.

SOUTH BEND, IND. Gene Witzky, pastor of the Ireland Road Brethren Church, reports that the recent revival meetings with Dr. Bernard Schneider were the best attended meetings the church has ever had. The average attendance was well over a hundred for the two weeks.

ELKHART, IND. Guest speakers at the Grace Brethren Church Sept. 30 and Oct. 7 will be Dr. Russell Barnard, Mrs. Loree Sickel, Rev. Richard Messner, and Rev. Tom Julien. The pastor, Gordon Bracker, will be conducting revival meetings at the North Buffalo Brethren Church, Kittanning, Pa. Brother Bracker helped to organize the North Buffalo Brethren Church in the year 1950.

SAN BERNARDINO, CALIF. Mr. Gordon Bond brought the messages at the Grace Brethren Church on Aug. 12 and Sept. 2. Emlyn Jones, pastor.

BELLFLOWER, CALIF. Mary and John Beaver, children of Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Beaver, Brethren missionaries to Africa, are now residing with the Robert Hill family. Robert Hill is pastor of the Los Altos Brethren Church.

WAYNESBORO, PA. The Eureka Jubilee Singers will be featured at the First Brethren Church at the rally day services on Oct. 7 and 8. Robert D. Crees, pastor.

WHITTIER, CALIF. Rev. and Mrs. Ward Miller and family were happily surprised when they returned home from national conference to find the parsonage newly painted, the front and back lawns renovated, beautiful new screens installed throughout the house, and a "welcome home" card supported by a large box of candy on the dining table. This called for an open house celebration on Sept. 9. Ward Miller is pastor of the Community Brethren Church.

DAYTON, OHIO. Sherwood Durkee, pastor of the new Vandalia Grace Brethren Church, accompanied by members of his congregation, presented testimonies and pictures of the progress of their new congregation to the North Riverdale Brethren Church on Sept. 16. Russell M. Ward is pastor.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Dr. and Mrs. Glenn O'Neal, 410 S. Redwood Dr., Anaheim, Calif. Tel: 774-7399. Rev. and Mrs. Vernon J. Harris, 311 Merriman Rd., Akron 3, Ohio. Rev. and Mrs. Robert Hill, 16849 Grand Ave., Bellflower, Calif. Tel. Torrey 6-0330.

GARWIN, IOWA. There were twenty-two men in attendance at the steak fry dinner held in the Carlton Brethren Church basement on Sept. 7. Evangelist Bob Collitt was the guest speaker. Raymond Kettell, pastor.

MIDDLEBRANCH, OHIO. An annual missionary conference will be conducted at the First Brethren Church during Oct. 28 through Nov. 3. The missionary team will be: Dr. Orville Jobson, Dr. Floyd Taber, Rev. Paul Dowdy, Rev. Tom Julien, and Dr. Russell Barnard. Wesley Haller, pastor.

WINONA LAKE, IND. Phil Landrum, son of Rev. and Mrs. Clyde K. Landrum, has accepted a position as editorial assistant of *Moody Monthly* magazine of Chicago, Ill. Phil has served as correspondent for Religious News Service of New York and worked one year with the Warsaw Times Union newspaper. He is a 1960 graduate of Grace College and has done some graduate work at Indiana University. His new work at *Moody Monthly* includes editing copy and layout work.

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The Final Authority of Holy Scripture

PART II:
IS VERBAL INSPIRATION MERELY A HUMAN THEORY?

In the first article of this series, some disappointing trends in various Protestant denominations were noted, especially with regard to the doctrine of the verbal inerrancy of Scripture. How is it possible that denominations which have long insisted on this vital doctrine are now permitting their publishing houses and seminaries to tolerate men who deny it? Is this a sudden and inexplicable reversal of policy and attitude on the part of evangelical leaders in these groups?

We believe that a careful study of church history will reveal that such changes of policy and attitude are the culmination of a long process of mental and spiritual conditioning in a particular denomination. Changes of such magnitude simply do not occur overnight and for no reason at all. But what are the influences that have been brought to bear upon so many evangelical Christians in our generation that have finally caused them to look with official tolerance upon men who deny the inerrancy of Scripture?

Neo-orthodoxy and the Bible

Most Christians are aware of the fact that the old liberalism of the 1920's and 1930's with its blatant denial of the truths of Christianity has experienced an amazing transformation in recent years. It is now in style for liberals to use Biblical terms, such as "the creation," "the fall of Adam," "sin," "redemption," "the resurrection," "the Second Coming," "the Word of God," and so forth, but to put non-Biblical meanings into these terms. American theologians have learned this new technique by drinking deeply at the wells of such eminent European scholars as Karl Barth and Emil Brunner, and through this "new orthodoxy" have succeeded in making tremendous inroads into denominations that have long been evangelical in doctrine.

There is one doctrine, however, for which Neo-orthodoxy has had nothing but contempt, and that is the doctrine of the *verbal inspiration of Scripture*. To be sure, it is permissible to say that the Bible "contains" the Word of God, but not that the Bible *is* the Word of God. So great has been the pressure in this direction that many evangelicals have found themselves conceding that verbal inspiration is only one of several possible views of inspiration, and as long as a person believes that the Bible is inspired, one need not insist upon his acceptance of this particular "theory" of inspiration.

Evangelical Concessions to Neo-orthodoxy

In a review of J. I. Packer's book, *"Fundamentalism" and the Word of God,* Bernard Ramm makes these rather startling statements: "I find myself disagreeing with the basic thesis of the book. It represents a *purist* approach to the issue: namely, if a theologian does not hold to a certain view of Scripture, then *all is lost* . . . Because Packer builds his case on a single foundation, he has trouble in really analyzing somebody who has orthodox convictions [at least in part] but does not hold to plenary, verbal inspiration. Thus, he is quick to call them either liberals or hovering close to liberalism . . . For the same reason he drastically underestimates neo-orthodoxy, failing to see that even apart from a theory of verbal, plenary inspiration it takes the Bible with great seriousness" (*Eternity,* March 1959, p. 40).



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A similar example of this recent tendency among evangelical leaders to reduce the doctrine of verbal inerrancy of Scripture to the status of a mere theory and to deny that it is essential to orthodoxy may be seen in this letter to the editor of *Eternity* magazine by the famous evangelist, Billy Graham: "I do not believe that the ground of our fellowship is to be the inerrancy of Scripture but, rather, the ground of our fellowship is to be the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ. I myself hold to the verbal inspiration viewpoint; I think any other position is fraught with danger. However, many of the leading evangelicals, and even fundamentalists when pinned down, do not hold to the verbal inspiration of Scripture. I have accepted my position by faith! Yet I know devout men of God who believe in the virgin birth, the atonement, the resurrection, and who have strong evangelistic zeal and passion who do not hold to this particular theory of inspiration" (*Eternity,* November 1958, pp. 18-19).

In the light of this, is it any wonder that "evangelical" denominations are finding it inconvenient to insist upon a continued adherence to the doctrine of verbal inspiration? After all, if it is merely a human theory and only one of several possible alternative positions concerning Scripture within the framework of orthodoxy, why make an issue of it? Thus we see working in the least suspected areas the pernicious influence of a Satanic heresy which is threatening the very foundations of American evangelicalism. The crucial question which we must ask ourselves, therefore, is this: What *did* Christ and the apostles actually teach concerning the inspiration of the Bible?

(To be continued)

How DEFEAT *Can Be Turned to* VICTORY

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Of all the tragedies today, the most alarming, distressing, and uncalled for is the widespread defeat of the believing church of Jesus Christ. We are not referring to that part of Christendom which no longer believes the Bible to be the inspired Word of the living God nor accepts it as authoritative in matters of faith and practice. We are not referring to those who no longer believe in Jesus Christ as the only begotten Son of God, whose substitutionary death and resurrection are the only hope of salvation to lost men. This host who have traded the verities of God's revelation for the vagaries of man's imagination are doomed to utter and final failure!

But we refer to those who are still standing for the Book of God, preaching the Son of God as the world's salvation, and who have the promise of God not only for ultimate victory, but also for constant victory along the way. Little impact is being made on our communities for God and righteousness. People who live under the shadow of the churches are going on undisturbed in their sin. Prayer lacks power. Preaching lacks conviction. Personal work lacks passion. God's service lacks men. Where is the transforming effect of revival of other days? The promise and provision for victory are still the same. Why this defeat?

When Sin Entered the Camp

The walls of Jericho had just miraculously fallen and the children of Israel and their leader, Joshua, had received widespread fame. God's army had obediently, even if apparently ridiculously, marched around the city at His command day after day for six days. Nothing happened. But on the seventh day—the seventh time around—the trumpets sounded, the walls fell down flat, and the army walked in to possess God-given victory.

But in chapter 7, we see this people of God going to take Ai, a small town compared to the city of Jericho.

Confident, and with the flush of success, the advance detail recommended that only a few of the men of war go up because Ai is small and its defense limited. The bulk of the men stayed home. About 3,000 went up to Ai and fled before the men of Ai and lost thirty-six of their number in inglorious defeat. The people lost heart, and their leader, Joshua, together with the elders of Israel, fell on their faces before God! Read Joshua's prayer in verses 6 to 9. Listen to him charge God for their defeat and repent that he had ever followed the Lord across the divinely dried path through Jordan!

Now listen to God's answer to Joshua and the explanation of the humiliating defeat: "And the Lord said unto Joshua, Get thee up; wherefore liest thou thus upon thy face? *Israel hath sinned,* and they have also transgressed my covenant which I commanded them: for they have even taken of the accursed thing and have also stolen, and dissembled also, and they have put it even among their own stuff. *Therefore* the children of Israel could not stand before their enemies . . . because they were accursed: *neither will I be with you any more, except ye destroy the accursed from among you"* (vv. 10-12).

In other words, God says: "When my people are defeated, it's not my fault but theirs! They have disobeyed My Word, and disobedience brings defeat!" God had told them that not a man was to take anything of the spoil in the destruction of Jericho. One man, Achan by name, saw a goodly Babylonish garment, two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold, He coveted them, took them, and hid them in his tent! None but he and those who lived in his tent knew it so far as Israel was concerned. But all Israel suffered for his sin, and God charged Israel with sin—the sin of one of its members. And God further told Joshua that he could take his choice between getting rid of the sin or going without God and His blessings!

When Sin Was Judged

In Joshua 7:16 and following, watch the Spirit of God go down through the tribes systematically until the guilty one is uncovered—household by household, man by man till Achan was taken. Just as the Spirit of God led Samuel to single out David, the youngest of the sons of Jesse for the crown in Israel, so here He led Joshua to single out the one guilty among the thousands of Israel. "There is nothing hid before the eyes of him with whom we have to do."

Achan confessed all. The hidden sin was laid before the Lord in the sight of all Israel. Achan, his sons and daughters, his livestock and all his possessions were stoned, burned, and buried as a monument to the cost of disobedience. Someone asks: "Was it right to slay the family for the father's sin? Isn't that unjust?" Don't forget they lived in this tent and were privy to what had happened. They were accomplices in crime. Thirty-six innocent victims had already died because of Achan's sin.

Now that sin is put away, read chapter 8. "And the Lord said unto Joshua, Fear not, neither be thou dismayed: take all [not just 3,000] the people of war with thee, and arise, go up to Ai: see, I have given into thy hand the king of Ai, and his people, and his city, and his land." Then follows a record of carefully planned strategy, of complete obedience to the instruction of the Lord, and of decisive and delightful victory. Then in celebration Joshua erected an altar to the Lord and offered sacrifices of praise and peace offerings. After this he wrote on the stones a copy of the law of Moses. Then, gathering the whole congregation of Israel from the leaders to the children "he . . . read all the words of the law, the blessings and cursings, according to all that is written in the book of the law. There was not a word of all that Moses commanded, which Joshua read not" (vv. 34-35).

Now, since ". . . all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition . . ." what is God's message to us?

Just as Israel was a unit in the sight of God so the New Testament tells us that "Ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular . . . and whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it" (I Cor. 12:26-27). As the sin of one man affected and brought discipline to the whole camp of Israel, just so does the sin of one member affect all the members of the body of Christ.

Furthermore, when our Lord Jesus Christ gave marching orders to His church, He said: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe *all things* whatsoever I have commanded you." Accompanying this commission is the encouragement: "And, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Read again the opening chapters of the Book of Acts. Thrill to the blessing the risen Christ bestowed on the obedience of the Spirit-filled disciples. Even the persecution, according to the fourth chapter, could not harm them nor hinder their work. But in chapter 5, corruption within the camp threatened. Divine judgment was meted out to Ananias and Sapphira for their conspiracy in falsehood as a warning to all who would cripple the infant church through their sin.

Read the history of the growth of the church in the opening centuries of this age. Persecution from without only multiplied the number of disciples. But when the church compromised with sin, the civilized world entered the Dark Ages. Over a thousand years passed before the dawn of the Reformation, which issued in revival fires that have flared intermittently since that time.

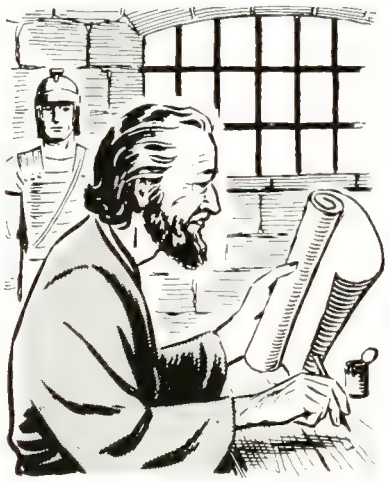
The story is the same. When God's people have turned from His Word and embraced sin, defeat has been the inevitable result. Souls are no longer saved. Unbelievers are strengthened in their unbelief and unrighteousness. Those who believe in God begin to lose heart, and leaders begin to make excuse and even blame the old-fashioned methods of the past.

What does God have to say? Just what He said in the days when Joshua lay on his face. "My people have sinned . . . neither will I be with them anymore till they put the accursed thing away from them!" Let us judge our lives in the light of His Word that the defeat of closed prayer meetings and discontinued evangelism might be turned to the victory of souls won to Christ!

Along the Bible Way

PAUL the Apostle...

Fearless Christian Missionary



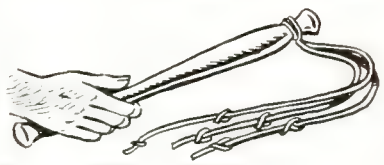
HIS LETTERS BECAME SCRIPTURE

PAUL ESTABLISHED MANY CHURCHES ON HIS MISSIONARY JOURNEYS, AND LATER KEPT IN CONTACT WITH THEM THROUGH LETTERS (EPISTLES). SOME OF THESE LETTERS WERE WRITTEN IN PRISON.

GOD SAID: *"HE IS A CHOSEN VESSEL UNTO ME, TO BEAR MY NAME BEFORE THE GENTILES AND KINGS, AND THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL."* ACTS 9:15

PAUL CARRIED OUT THIS SPECIAL MISSION FAITHFULLY, AND THE STORY OF HIS LIFE IS A GREAT ADVENTURE FOR CHRIST:

"FIVE TIMES RECEIVED I FORTY STRIPES SAVE ONE.



THRICE WAS I BEATEN WITH RODS,



ONCE WAS I STONED,



THRICE I SUFFERED SHIPWRECK,

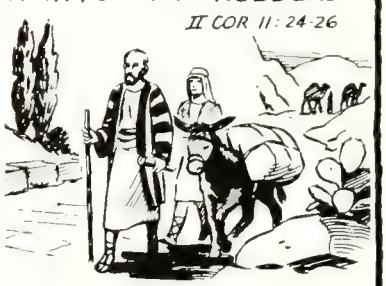


A NIGHT AND A DAY I HAVE BEEN IN THE DEEP;



IN JOURNEYINGS OFTEN, ... IN PERILS OF ROBBERS"

II COR 11:24-26



ONCE, PAUL WAS A FIERCE ENEMY OF CHRISTIANS--THEN HE BECAME A CHRISTIAN HIMSELF. HE TRAVELED FAR, SUFFERED MUCH AND GAVE HIS LIFE IN PREACHING THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST TO THE WORLD.

HUBART

THE STAYED MIND

By Edwin Raymond Anderson

In a deceiving day when old errors are slyly reappearing in new dress, and when old heresies have been streamlined to conform to the spirit of the age, it is good and nourishing for the believer to turn once again to the old promise from an old prophet contained in an old Book, and therein gather new strength and assurance for the way ahead.

Isaiah may not have known anything of the devious wonders of the religious world, for he was a stranger to most of the theological blights which have arisen upon the horizon. Yet the Spirit of the Lord who spoke through His servant was aware of them all. Thus He inspired the needful word: "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose *mind is stayed* on thee, because he trusteth in thee" (Isa. 26:3).

Stayed is an old word, but surely one that is "new" for much of what arises upon the scene; inasmuch as what is new is not necessarily true, so that which is old may quite often contain the proper antidote for modern ills. And surely this is one of the marvels of this blessed Book, the manner in which it meets the things which arise and provides the most fitting and thorough answers. The child of the King could ask for nothing more nor better.

The people of the Lord should be a *rested* people. Because they have settled the great matter of sin and the destiny of the soul, they should continually bask in that rest, which is their holy right; for they have been purchased through crucified blood. Nothing should turn the head nor upset the heart. The people of the Lord are meant to maintain good equilibrium as they pass through this present scene. They, of all the people upon the earth, are designated as heralds of peace, which has been provided through the blood of the cross. They should bear the testimony of peace, which is to permeate every channel of life and being.

But it is evident from this Isaiah text, and from the observation with the personal eye, that such rest is not always possessed, nor are the people of the Lord bearing that testimony which is required. They are spiritually jittery and upset, and touched by the jarring things of a decadent day. They are religiously unstable and run after the new and the startling as if the very novelty could provide the suitable resting place.

Many would run clear across the town to hear a "striking message casting new light upon the Book of The Revelation" who scarcely would cross the street for a sweet, simple, soul-satisfying gospel service to the exaltation of the risen and glorified Lord. There is such a fascination about those Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse, and about the grim tracings of Daniel's great world-image! The world-words, such as "thrill" and "adventure," have crept into their concept of the Christian life, and for all of their emotional excursions, and their religious adventurings, they are never at settled rest, and become, alas, weakened as soft prey for some newly-cloaked morsel of specious error.

But the *stayed mind* is the best portion when it has learned the essentials fresh from the hand and heart of a crucified and risen Saviour. When it has those essentials branded into the framework of the intelligence by the ministration of the indwelling Spirit, there is the entrance into that "perfect peace," which is the gracious seal of such settlement. Never before in all the history of the world

Evangelism

By David L. Hocking

National Youth Director

The fire that burns in man's own soul
Because of Christ who made him whole.

The love that grows from day to day
Because no debt must man now pay.

The joy that comes to every heart
Who faithfully will do his part.

The burden great which man must bear
For Christ whose life He did not spare.

The debt man owes to Christ who gave
His life in sacrifice to save.

The cry which comes from every life
Who sees the world in sin and strife.

The call which rings in every ear
Who kneels to pray and sheds the tear.

The word of Christ whose blood was shed,
Whose life has power to raise the dead.

The prayer of those with lives to give
In service now that men might live.

The thrill of those who seek to win
The ones to Christ now deep in sin.

The need of Christians everywhere
Who love the Lord, and seem to care.

The job that no one else can do,
But you, Christian, HOW ABOUT YOU?

has Satan launched such subtle attacks upon the mind, nor arranged such sinister marshallings of error and heresy against the bulwarks of the intelligence. The Devil has shifted from the "without" to the "within," from the coarse and the cruel to the soft and the silken and the smooth. The dish may be cleverly arranged to suit every type of religious palate, and well may we say concerning our own natural ability of discernment: "Who is sufficient for these things?"

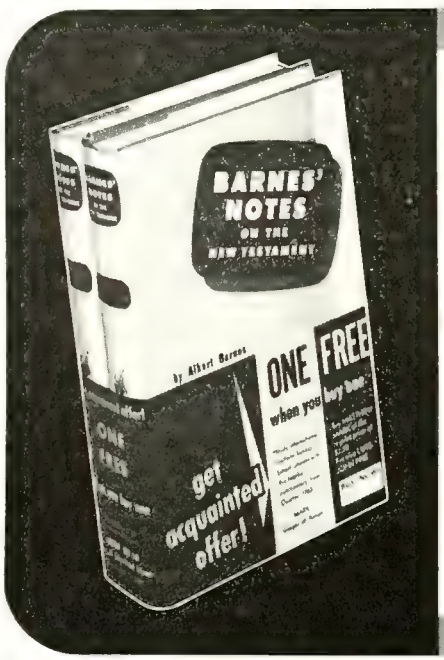
But discouragement there need not be! The Devil had his ways and teachings even for Isaiah's day, but the prophet was settled concerning the divine solution. Note the frequent use of the personal pronoun in his word, attesting to his personal knowledge concerning Him of whom it declares, "*Thou* wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on *thee*, because he trusteth in *thee*."

It was the realistic thing, just as real as the restless things which ed died about—and more so! For the prophet knew of a steadied peace settling upon the soul like unto a gracious garrison, and best of all, this peace is a Person! And that makes all the difference in the world.

Surely it can be no less for us in this day of the full-orbed revelation of grace and truth in the person of our adorable Lord and Saviour. He had come down to earth, to the Devil's domain, down to the depths of the unutterable agony and shame of the "death of the cross." In the fierceness of that awful wrestling He has broken the Devil's power, and arisen with the tokens of a perfect and all-conquering peace. These are the great and vital truths upon which our minds, as well as our hearts, are to be thoroughly anchored.

And thus as we are occupied with himself, He will provide all the "charm" and "fascination" which we crave and desire, for a "looking full" at the Lord Jesus will smother all else in the rightful dust. "Seeing no man save Jesus only" leaves room for naught else, and provides that steadying sight which roots and grounds the whole of the Christian man in a devious and shifting day.

Let us attend therefore to the "looking" and permit Him to care for the guaranteed "keeping," even as He has promised: "Thou wilt *keep* him in perfect peace." Let us come to more fully and peacefully rest in that which His own sovereign hand of power could alone provide. Verily is the "stayed mind" a great and holy asset in this late, dark day, when the mind has been made the target for the many attacks of the great enemy, for it provides the one strength and support and solution, all to the praise of His worthy name.



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HOME TALENT--FOR GOD

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"Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord" (Col. 3:16).

Paul tells us that we can be taught and admonished by hymns and spiritual songs. This has been neglected in our homes. This is one way the Word of God can dwell in our hearts as Christians, especially children. This generation is satisfied to observe and are not willing to be doers.

In a recent article in the local newspaper the President said that the artistic movement in the United States is very strong. "Last year," he said, "more Americans went to symphonies than to baseball games."

There Is a Present Day Need

Music is a universal language. The same musical notes are played in China, and in Africa, as well as they are here in the United States. Music can reveal many feelings, such as joys, griefs, disappointments. Music also can soothe tired nerves, cheer the sad, and bring laughter to the heart. Often times during the day I catch myself singing or humming a song or hymn.

How thankful I am for the Christian radio programs. The inspirational programs of WCRF F.M. radio came into our home daily, from 12 o'clock noon until 10:00 o'clock in the evening. Many times we heard the consecrated voices of George Beverly Shea, Bill Carle, and many others. Also we could hear lovely orchestral arrangements of great hymns arranged and directed by such excellent musicians as Ralph Carmichael. And many well-known speakers broke the Word of Life to us.

There is also a present-day need for pianists, organists, and choir members in the local church. In many of our churches there are not enough qualified members to fill these positions in the local church.

All of us have dormant talents that need to be aroused by the proper incentives. We should exert some effort and try to bring these dormant talents to life. I realize some people are more musically inclined than others. We aren't all going to be great musicians, but we can use our talents at least for our own enjoyment and pleasure.

Children should be taught the value of developing some kind of musical talent at an early age. As they grow physically, their interest in music also grows. What better way is there for children to use some of their spare time during the summer months. Because children have so much leisure time, they need to be kept busy.

Children should be taught how to sing. A good way to teach Bible doctrine truths is through singing the great hymns of the faith. As Christian parents we should use this natural opportunity to teach our children the things of God.

There Is a Spiritual Blessing

Often a good musical selection before the message prepares the waiting hearts for the Word. There is a song: "If you have a talent use it for the Lord, if you do not use it, you will surely lose it." Too often we hide our talent under a bushel when we fail to use it. We have to be coaxed before we will do anything. It can be a blessing to the one who participates, as well as to the hearer. We should pray to this end.

Surely no one has more reason to sing and enjoy beautiful music than Christians. God has put a new song in our hearts. The psalmist tells us often to "Sing unto the Lord, make a joyful noise unto the Lord."

Music is a gift from God. It is the "sugar" that adds sweetness to life. When we keep singing we do not have time for murmuring. God is the creator of "every good and perfect gift," including music.

How can we be sad when we sing, "I'm so happy," or "Sunlight, Sunlight in my soul today." A song is a magical thing. It is the sunbeam that lights up a smile. It is a tonic that cheers the soul.

There Is a Parental Responsibility

Americans today are very conscious of the atmosphere in the home. Much emphasis is placed upon color harmony. If the rug or drapes do not match the color scheme we think nothing of purchasing new ones. We think nothing of spending money on fine carpet and furniture. We want the best and most expensive TV, Hi Fi, or Stereo, but do we put the same amount of money into pianos, organs, or other instruments of high quality so there might be participation for our household.

Music is cultivated in the home. The music that children hear in the home sets the pattern for their musical appreciation. If they do not enjoy good music, they may have not been exposed to it at home. Music forms an important part in the Christian life and home. It is our responsibility as parents to teach our children to choose the right music, and this must be started early in life.

Satan has stolen God's gift of music. Our children are exposed to the Devil's music on every hand. We can explain to our children that much of the worldly music is undesirable. A three-year-old girl was watching a children's program on TV. After the program was finished she asked mother to turn it off. "It's got that awful wiggly music on it."

A commercial in a well-circulated magazine read like this: "If you had a Hammond organ, there'd be a fresh new pace to every day, more reward in running the house, a delightful calmness among your children." The world places much emphasis and stress on music. So we as Christians should channel our home talents for God.

An Experience That Drew Me Close to God



By Mrs. Leo Polman

Books, millions of them, in thousands of libraries the world over. If I had a goal as a young girl, it was to read them all. Well, perhaps that is putting it rather strongly, but I did love to read. If it was printed, and near at hand, I simply *had* to read it.

As I look back now, I can understand why my parents often limited my reading hours. Music, studies, household chores were *always first.* I confess to a hidden book with a page read on time supposed to have been practice time. I simply had to finish that chapter.

A normal Christian life should be a progressive life and each day a step closer to the Lord, but I found my love of reading was hindering any spiritual growth. How I enjoyed Jean Porter's books and especially Grace Livingston Hill's—good books for girls, but the time I should be spending for a quiet time with the Lord became a very short period, even skipped at times.

Finally one day, the Holy Spirit made it plain to me that this habit, and that was exactly what it had become, was not a bad habit particularly, but the song—"Nothing between my soul and the Saviour" is so true. Even good things can be wrong when they come between.

Wilbur Chapman once said: "Anything that dims my vision of Christ, or takes away my taste for Bible study, or cramps my prayer life, or makes Christian work difficult, is wrong for me and I must, as a Christian, turn away from it."

So I asked the Lord to take away that intense desire, even demand, for reading, and He did.

It is a joy now to leaf through a woman's magazine, for instance (I still enjoy that), but I do not *have* to read it from cover to cover. It even has to be a pretty good story to hold my attention and interest, and if I find it is not one that I feel would be pleasing to the Lord, it is easy to close the book or magazine.

What was the experience that drew me closer to God? It was reading a book. A friend gave me this book to read, in fact, we read it together. Chapter by chapter we read, *The Christian's Secret of a Happy Life,* by Hannah Whitall Smith. Isn't it wonderful that the Lord allowed the very thing that was hindering in my Christian development to become such a great blessing.

I recommend this book to every

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Thomas George Hocking December 15, 1959
B.P. 21, M'Baiki via Bangui, Central African Republic

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Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic

Miss Mary Ann Habegger December 29
B.P. 36, Bossangoa via Bangui, Central African Republic

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Rebecca Ann Schrock December 2, 1946
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Robert James Cover, Jr. December 9, 1959
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Introducing New WMC Officers Elected at Winona Lake Conference

August 1962

MRS. THOMAS HAMMERS, a pastor's wife from Fremont, Ohio, is the mother of two grown children, Janet, a schoolteacher in the Toledo, Ohio, system, and Dan, a Grace College junior. She is well qualified for the office of president, having served as second vice president of the National WMC organization for the past seven years. Mrs. Hammers is a native of Pleasant Hill, Ohio, and the daughter of Dr. Charles Ashman.

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MRS. ROBERT GRIFFITH, a pastor's wife from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, is the mother of three growing children, David, nine years; Kathleen, seven years and Stephen, two years. She is the daughter of the Leo Polman's and has served as a WMC district president and as advisor to the National SMM organization.

MRS. JACK PETERS, of Hagerstown, Maryland, is a pastor's wife and the mother of two children—Jack, Jr., thirteen and Stephen, nine. She is a native of Roanoke, Virginia and has worked as a district WMC president and song leader at National Conference.



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An Experience . . .

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Christian. I have read and re-read many chapters, and it blesses my soul at every reading. As one said in describing this book on the deeper, Spirit-filled life: "Life can never again be the same for the heart that believes it and puts it into practice." The last three chapters are worth their weight in gold: Joy of obedience—Chariots of God—and The life on wings—but you will need the preceding chapters to prepare you for them.

Of course, there is no substitute for the Bible, which is book number ONE, never forget that. WMC women need to be reminded of this continually. We have been admonished to, "Read the word, 'till I come." One of these days the Lord is coming and then we will have the *Living Word* as our portion continually. Until then we must be faithful to the written Word to know His will for our lives.

In children's meetings we have used the motto: "No Bible—no funny papers." One can adopt it by saying: "No Bible, no other reading." Try it! It works!

Recommended Reading Books for 1962-63

Mrs. Ben Hamilton

250 YEARS . . . CONQUERING FRONTIERS (Kent, Homer A.)
A stimulating and informative history of the background, origins and development of our own Brethren Church. This book should be familiar to every Brethren woman. $3.00.)

MUFFLED DRUMBEATS IN THE CONGO (Deans, William A.)
A moving account of the Congo in transition with emphasis on the part the Belgian colonial policy and Christian missions had in shaping events. We get a firsthand picture of the tense experiences as missionaries prepare to evacuate stations to which they have devoted many years of their lives. ($2.25.)

WOMEN WHO MADE BIBLE HISTORY (Ockenga, Harold J.)
Short character sketches of twenty familiar Bible women presented in a manner to challenge and encourage Christian women today. ($3.50.)

These books may be ordered from:
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My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.
Psalm 5:3



KEEP LOOKING UP

OUR HANDS



By Mrs. Sewell Landrum

Hands can be a real blessing. It doesn't matter whether the fingers are long and slim, or short and stubby, whether the hands are large or small, or whether the skin is smooth or wrinkled, black or white. The Bible says in Ecclesiastes 9:10: "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might."

This summer while doing home visiting as a Public Health Nurse, I met a little two and one-half-year-old boy who had been born without legs. He right arm was a stump. The left arm was normal length with only a couple of fingers on his hand. As I sat and watched this happy child, for he did have a sunny disposition, I marveled at the way he scooted and rolled across the floor with the help of two fingers. As we became better acquainted, he brought out a small paper on which were some bright colored cars for me to see. He played hide and seek with me by hiding behind the tablecloth, which hung down from the side of the table. When I left he came out on the porch and waved each time I looked back. He had done all he could even with just two fingers to make my visit a pleasant one.



Several years ago a young girl was asked to help clean a basement. Because of a faulty furnace and the burning of soft coal, soot and dust was over everything. She cheerfully did this job, but wouldn't accept any pay. Later on she played the organ for a special occasion before a large crowd. This was done with equal thoroughness. It didn't seem to make any difference whether she was seen doing her work or not. Both jobs were done without pay. She was doing something for those she loved.

Several of the girls in the Clayhole (Ky.) Church are learning to play the piano. A couple of the girls play for junior church and have even played for congregational singing. A few others are learning to play, and they too will be of real service later on.

Some music is taught in the local school, but to have a private lesson a trip to Jackson must be made, some fourteen to twenty miles. Finding a time for both teacher and student can be a problem, and one must have a piano on which to practice. As you can see, music lessons present more of a problem than just walking into the living room and practicing for an hour or so.

Several weeks before Easter the

Presenting Your New Treasurer



"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" (Prov. 3:5-6). Many times in the past, I have been thankful for the promise and comfort in these verses. As I approach the job of National SMM treasurer and see the work and responsibility that lay before me, I am once again comforted. I know that in my own strength and knowledge I cannot handle such a job, but with Christ to trust in and to guide me, there is nothing to fear. We are "Looking to Jesus" for guidance and a year filled with blessings.

In Him,
Dee Anna Caldwell

Junior SMM girls make small Easter baskets for the patients' trays in a nearby hospital. These baskets always have a Bible verse that reminds the patient of the glorious resurrection of Christ. They have received notes from the staff of the hospital expressing their appreciation for these pretty baskets and the message of cheer they bring. The girls enjoy making these baskets. They are a blessing to others, a small service made with hands.

During the Christmas season, both the boys and girls not only take part in the program itself but go to the hills for pine branches and scrubs to be used in decoration of the church. Christmas trees grow everywhere, finding the right size is all that is necessary. One young man is a real artist, so when background scenery is needed for a play, he makes it.

During the summer the young people help cut the grass, sweep the church, wax the floor, wash windows, and sometimes paint so that the Lord's house will be clean and inviting to others. They help in Vacation Bible School too. These same hands play baseball and basketball with equal zest as they have worked before.

There is something wonderful about doing things for the Lord's work—He always gives such a rich blessing.

Prayer Requests

PRAY that we as SMM girls will realize in our lives the futility of service (Martha) unless we are devoted to Jesus *first* and learn how to sit at His feet (Mary).

PRAY that we will learn how to love one another as Jesus desires us to love.

PRAY that God will direct us in our meetings so that there will be no confusion but complete understanding and attentiveness for each one.

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Suggested Program for November

Bible Study:

"Keep Looking Up . . . in Support"
Junior—Mrs. Victor Rogers
Middler—Mrs. Glenn Baker
Senior—Mrs. Donald Cale

Memory Verse:
Matthew 6:33

Emblem:
Hands

Mission Study:

"Looking to Jesus . . . in Kentucky"
Mrs. Sewell Landrum

Additions and Corrections

1. There will be NO bandages rolled this year. The Brethren Foreign Missionary Society has ample supply for several years. Instead, Martha Goal No. 1 is taking the place of this previous activity. (Consult the Handbooks for each group plus the Patroness Notes).

Little Sisters—20 Bible Story Pictures
Juniors—12 Dental Bibs
Middlers—6 Surgery Wrappers
*Sizes—1—40 inches x 40 inches
2—25 inches x 25 inches
3—15 inches x 15 inches

**There is a mistake in the Handbook and Patroness Notes. Please note this error.*

All can be made with two and one-half yards of unbleached muslin. If the material is not 40 inches wide, make the squares as follows:

38 inches—1—38 inches x 38 inches
2—24 inches x 24 inches
3—14 inches x 14 inches
36 inches—1—36 inches x 36 inches
2—23 inches x 23 inches
3—13 inches x 13 inches

Sew the squares together leaving an opening for turning. Then stitch around all the sides and across from corner to corner. Because of sterilization, these get hard wear.

Seniors—six green beanies for the Little Sisters in Africa. Use the pattern in the Patroness Notes.

2. The Handbooks can be ordered from the National SMM Literature Secretary.

Little Sisters and Junior, 5 cents
Middler and Senior, 10 cents

Patroness Notes are free. Order at once if you have not done so.

3. No awards are sent unless they are ordered from the National SMM Literature Secretary. If you have no order blank, send for one. See the order blank for prices. The amount of money must accompany your orders.

Reporting!

Northern Atlantic District

YORK—The senior SMM gave a Mother-Daughter Tea in May to honor Mother's Day. Each mother was presented with a carnation. Mrs. Koontz and Mrs. Croker were featured guests on the program. Also, instead of two groups, a third has been formed and it's growing greatly.

PHILADELPHIA — The third SMM group has been taking knitting lessons each month and is producing some very nice items. The girls furnish their own materials. One of the WMC ladies has graciously taught them.

HARRISBURG—By sponsoring two SMM rallies, the girls have been pretty busy. They had great times at both, not only spiritual blessings, but also the food was good. It was at these meetings where the girls planned where the district offerings should go and what they would do for their district project.

SMM TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts:	
General fund (operation SMM, sale of material, gifts, National Conference offering)	3,008.66
Home Missions	704.43
Christian Education	762.82
Birthday Offering (higher education of missionaries' children)	71.81
Foreign Missions	638.00
Total—1961-62	5,185.72
Disbursements:	
Total General Expense	2,867.20
Home Missions Council	704.43
Grace Seminary and College	317.13
Brethren Youth Council	297.13
National Sunday School Board	148.56
Foreign Missionary Society (higher education of missionaries' children)	71.81
Foreign Missionary Society (foreign project)	638.00
Total—1961-62	5,044.26

Ruth Henry, treasurer, 1961-62

Newspage

MEMBER EPA EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION

ALEXANDRIA, VA. Sunday, Oct. 14, has been set aside as personal committment day at the Commonwealth Avenue Brethren Church, John J. Burns, pastor. Dr. Clarence Jones, of HCJB, will be the speaker.

ALTO, MICH. The Michigan district youth rally will be held at the Calvary Brethren Church during Oct. 26 and 27. Joe Dombek, chalk artist from Winona Lake, Ind., will provide chalk drawings at two of the services. Charles Flowers, pastor.

BERNE, IND. Dr. R. Paul Miller, pastor of Grace Brethren Church, Goshen, Ind., was the homecoming day speaker at the Bethel Brethren Church on Sept. 30. Kenneth Russell is pastor.

DAYTON, OHIO. Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, president of Grace College and Seminary, will be anniversary day speaker at the North Riverdale Brethren Church on Nov. 4. Russell Ward is pastor.

LISTIE, PA. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sarver, members of the Listie Brethren Church, who celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on Sept. 16.

FORT WAYNE, IND. Mrs. Loree Sickel, Brethren missionary to Argentina, was guest speaker at the Grace Brethren Church on Sept. 23. Glen Crabb is pastor.

ALEXANDRIA, VA. Willis Bishop, graduate of Grace Seminary, is the radio speaker on the Tidings Hour over WFAX each Sunday afternoon. The program is sponsored by the Washington Bible College.

BARBERTON, OHIO. Tom Julien, Brethren missionary to France, challenged the congregation of the First Brethren Church on Sept. 15 with what the Lord is doing in the hearts of men in France. Robert Wm. Markley, pastor.

SAN BERNARDINO, CALIF. The Grace Christian school, operated by the Grace Brethren Church, Emlyn Jones, pastor, announces a capacity student body of 97 for this semester. Two new teachers have been added to the faculty, and a program of development of school facilities is now under way.

PHILADELPHIA, PA. On Sept. 17 Rev. Robert Griffith was formally installed as pastor of the First Brethren Church. All the pastors of the Northern Atlantic district had part in the service. A generous gift of money was given to the Griffiths in an expression of kindness. Since Brother Griffith has been on the field there have been several decisions for the Lord and three have been baptized and received into the membership.

BERNE, IND. The Indiana District WMC fall rally will be held at the Bethel Brethren Church on Oct. 18. A missionary challenge will be presented by Mrs. Tom Julien, who is home on furlough from France. Kenneth Russell is the host pastor.

VANDALIA, OHIO. The Nelson Fay family, Brethren missionaries under appointment to Argentina, were guests of the Vandalia Grace Brethren Church on Sept. 23. Brother Fay spoke in the morning service. The congregation met at the pastor's home for a noon meal in honor of the Fays at which time outfit and personal gifts were given to the family. There were 33 in attendance at the meal. Sherwood Durkee is pastor.

Wedding Bells

Announcements in this column are published when sent in by a pastor.

Donna Lea Parr and I. Zane Miller, Sept. 8 at the Bethel Brethren Church, Berne, Ind.

Donora Peabody and Richard Stauffer, Sept. 22, at the Grace Brethren Church, Lansing, Mich.

Rachel Lowe and Hughie Burton, Sept. 8, at the First Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio.

Emily Nunley and Donald Minnix, Aug. 5, at the Clearbrook Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va.

ENDS EARTHLY PILGRIMAGE

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

GINGRICH, Glenn, son of Rev. and Mrs. U. L. Gingrich and member of the Grace Brethren Church, York, Pa., went to be with the Lord Aug. 26.

—Herman W. Koontz, pastor.

EPPLEY, Mrs. Leroy (Pearl) went to be with the Lord on Sept. 19. She was a faithful member of the First Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa. Funeral services were conducted by the pastor.

—James Sweeton, pastor.

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 30 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Church	*Date*	*Pastor*	*Speaker*
Los Altos, Calif.	Oct. 1-7	Robert Hill	Clarence Nida
Philadelphia, Pa. (First)	Oct. 7-21	Robert Griffith	Leo Polman
Mansfield, Ohio (Woodville)	Oct. 14-21	M. L. Myers	Arnold Kriegbaum
Covington, Va.	Oct. 14-21	Mason Cooper	Russell Ogden
Singer Hill, Pa. (Conemaugh)	Oct. 14-26	Glenn Byers	William Schaffer
Wooster, Ohio	Oct. 19-21	Kenneth Ashman	John Whitcomb
Denver, Colo.	Oct. 21-26	Thomas Inman	Richard DeArmey
Fort Wayne, Ind. (Grace)	Oct. 21-28	Glen Crabb	Tom Julien
Rittman, Ohio	Oct. 21-28	Charles Turner	Bill Smith
Buena Vista, Va.	Oct. 21-28	None	Kenneth Teague
Alexandria, Va.	Oct. 22-28	John Burns	Redd Harper

Praise and Prayer

HOME MISSIONS

PRAY for The Brethren Home Missions Council goal of five churches to go self supporting within the next year.

PRAY for the urgent need of a building program in Westminster, California, and for a good response to the Minute-Man letter.

PRAY for the Home Mission churches as they assume greater financial burdens due to a curtailed budget in the Brethren Home Missions Council.

PRAY for the Home Mission churches at Geistown, Pennsylvania, and Akron, Ohio, where there have just recently been a change in pastors.

PRAY for the Navajo Mission staff as they operate the maximum size school with less personnel than the previous year.

EVANGELISM

PRAY that God will glorify himself in a greater harvest of souls than last year as Bob Collitt begins his 1962-63 season of campaigns.

PRAY that the "angel of the Lord shall encamp round about him [Bob Collitt] and deliver him" in his evangelistic travels.

PRAY that the offerings this year will meet the costs in Collitt's service and traveling so that we may be able to get ahead and put another team in the field. The Fellowship of Brethren Churches should have a dozen evangelistic teams in the field to win souls.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

PRAY for the work at Lyon, France and for the French couple working there in the absence of the Tom Juliens.

PRAY for the Lord's continued blessing on the work in Puerto Rico.

PRAISE God for the growth of the work in Santo Antonio, Brazil, which the George Johnsons have established. Pray that the Lord will continue to bless this.

PRAY for the Lord's guidance in plans being made to establish a Christian Day School in Argentina.

PRAY for the students and the teachers of the French schools in Africa as they begin a new year of study October 15.

GRACE SEMINARY AND COLLEGE

PRAY that students, faculty, and staff alike will rejoice in a new undertaking for the Lord.

PRAISE God for the continued inflow of investments for the new building. It has topped the $400,000 mark.

PRAY that students will be able to find work to maintain themselves in school.

PRAY that in the day of apostasy the faculty will be given new vigor and devotion to the task of guiding students in the way everlasting.

LAYMEN

PRAY for a passion for souls among our laymen.

PRAY for a greater interest in the treasures of the Word among our laymen.

PRAY for a greater outreach for our National Laymen's organization.

PRAY for opportunities for witnessing to unsaved laymen.

PRAY for all Brethren Laymen in places of responsibility.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRAY that the enlargement campaign now in progress may bring in many scholars to our Sunday school.

PRAY that the National Sunday School Association Convention in Denver, Colorado this month may prove a real spiritual blessing to all who attend, and a real lift to our own fellowship of churches.

PRAY that the new Christian Education Handbook may be used by all of our teachers and officers in improving their Sunday school.

PRAY for the itineration of the director among our churches.

PRAY that the Lord will lay it upon the hearts of our people to supply the needed funds for the National Sunday-school work.

SMM

PRAY that each girl in SMM may truly "Keep looking Up" unto the Lord Jesus.

PRAY for all SMM girls who are away from home and in college.

PRAY for the new program chairman, Mrs. Tom Inman, as she begins her duties.

PRAY that more WMC ladies will have a burden for the work of SMM.

WMC

PRAY for our national officers that they may look to the Lord for guidance, and that the Lord may richly bless them in their new work.

PRAY that each council may be challenged to keep the 15th of the month as a day of prayer.

PRAY for Mrs. Esther Cale who is in a sanatorium, that the Lord might quickly heal her and restore her to her family.

PRAY that we might see more women interested in WMC this year.

PRAY for the committee from the Allegheny district who have been appointed to do the Devotional Program for 1964-65.

YOUTH

PRAY for the eighty-three young people who made decisions during our national youth conference.

PRAY for our new man in publications, Mr. Ken Sanders.

PRAY for Youth leader workshops which we will be conducting this year.

MISSIONARY HERALD

PRAISE the Lord for the good cooperation of the churches in sending their Sunday-school orders early.

PRAY that Brethren writers will contribute suitable articles for publication in the Missionary Herald magazine during the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons.

PRAY that the Missionary Herald Company will receive timely articles that will bring enlightenment to our readers for times such as these.

The Presidency of the Holy Spirit in the Church

(Editor's note: This sermon was preached by Dr. Miles Taber at the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, Winona Lake, Ind., on Aug. 16, 1962, and is being reprinted by special request).

The head of the executive branch of our Government is called the president or chief executive. In the church of Jesus Christ this position is held by the Holy Spirit. The authority of this office is frequently usurped by men. For example, Catholics recognize the pope as the vicar of Jesus Christ, ruling over the church in Christ's absence. In Protestant churches some pastors assume the right to rule the church, demanding that the church follow their leadership in all issues. In other churches the laymen insist that everything be decided by majority vote. But these are all usurpers: Christ has placed the Holy Spirit in charge of His churches during His absence.

In this article the word "church" refers to the visible, local church, not the invisible body of Christ. Perhaps all would agree that His mystical body is governed by the Holy Spirit. The additional affirmation of this article is that in the everyday administration of the local church the Holy Spirit is the Chief Executive, able to communicate His plans and program to the churches.

Although the word "president" is not used of the Holy Spirit in the New Testament, He is often described as fulfilling the functions of that office. A simple illustration may be found in Acts 13:1 to 4. Note carefully where the Spirit begins His work as Chief Executive. He begins with a church, a local, visible church in Antioch. He does not begin with an independent man, nor with a self-perpetuating board. He begins with a local congregation of believers. To this congregation He will reveal His program.

In this church in Antioch there were men with spiritual gifts (Acts 13:1). Where did these gifts come from? The Chief Executive of the churches had so endowed them (I Cor. 12:7-11). When He is recognized He prepares the leaders for leadership, and there are always gifted men where special gifts are needed.

These gifted men had been distributed among the churches where they were needed (Eph. 4:11-12). Adequately gifted men will be assigned to every church when the presidency of the Holy Spirit is recognized.

As the next step, the Spirit reveals His will to the assembled church (Acts 13:2). The basic assumption in this article is that the Holy Spirit is able to do this. If He is unable to communicate His will, then we are driven back to relying on human leaders. But we believe that when the church meets God's conditions, the Spirit of God is able to make His will known to such a church. And this is our only assurance of peace and harmony in the church. If we have one executive, the Holy Spirit, He will lead us all in the same paths. If we have many leaders, human leaders, we will have constant confusion and strife.

In the Antioch church the Holy Spirit desired to change the personnel. Of the five prophets and teachers, two were destined to become foreign missionaries. So the Chief Executive revealed His plan to the local church.

What about the men concerned? He had already called them to this new service (Acts 13:2). So there was no conflict between the church and the candidates, for the same Spirit revealed His one plan to all.

The the Holy Spirit sent them forth (Acts 13:3-4). The King James version seems to indicate that the church also sent them forth. But a better translation of verse 3 indicates that the church merely "released" them; they let them go to their new work.

Why do we not see such results today? Simply because our churches are not doing what the Antioch church was doing. They "ministered to the Lord." It is good to minister to the people, for we are commanded so to do. But we get our orders from the Chief Executive when we minister to the Lord. The church must wait on God until His will is made known. At Antioch this included fasting, prayer, and a readiness to follow the Lord's plans. We believe that any church or group of churches that will so minister to the Lord will receive orders from the President. He will not fail us when we recognize His right to direct the church.

This passage in Acts 13 shows us that the President should supervise the work of the local church and its missionary program. But what if problems arise between two or more local churches? Is the Holy Spirit Spirit able to handle this situation? We believe that Acts 15 gives us the answer to this question.

A difference had arisen between some of the leaders of the church in Jerusalem on the one hand, and the church at Antioch on the other. The differences involved both doctrine (salvation) and ordinance (circumcision). It was evidently the desire of both churches to achieve harmony and uniformity in both teaching and practice. And this should be possible under the leadership of the Holy Spirit. So they arranged a meeting between their churches and their representatives to talk it over. This was a meeting between two sovereign congregations to solve a mutual



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problem. They came together as equals because they were congregational; they came together because they were not independent. Would the President who was leading both congregations now lead them to the same conclusions?

The answer is found in Acts 15: 28: "For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us . . ." Both churches were happy, and uniformity was preserved. The Holy Spirit was willing and able to reveal a solution to their problem that was fair and profitable to all. We believe the President will do the same today for any church or group of churches that will meet God's requirements.

It might be well to note just what kind of decision was given by the Spirit in this case. The first part of the decision is contained in the words, "no greater burden." The decision made it as easy as possible for the gentiles at Antioch. They were not required to be circumcised, and the doctrine of salvation by grace was preserved.

But on the other hand there were some "necessary things." An examination of the four necessary things (Acts 15:28-29) will reveal that they are of two kinds. First, it was necessary to keep morally pure. But it was also necessary to abstain from certain practices which were not wrong in themselves. They were only "necessary" because this concession alone could preserve harmony between the churches. Some things are wrong because they are immoral. Other things are wrong because they divide the people of God. Paul went home from that conference knowing full well that he had a "right" to eat food sacrificed to idols, even as he afterward wrote (Rom. 14:13, 19). But Paul was in the habit of denying his "rights" for the sake of his fellow Christians. He could wait until God would lead his weaker brethren to see the light even as he did. This is the spirit that is fostered by the Spirit.

What happens to a church, mission, or denomination that ignores the divine President? We have an example of this too, in Acts 15:36-41. We have seen how the Spirit worked through the congregation for Paul's first missionary journey. Now contrast the beginning of his second journey. "Paul said . . . Barnabas determined . . . Paul thought" (Acts 15: 36-38). No waiting on God. No congregation involved. No learning first what the Spirit desired as to field or personnel. How great is the fall of great men who are operating on yesterday's orders! And so there was division (Acts 15:39). For a long time there was constant frustration (Acts 16:6-7, 10) as they were repeatedly denied the right to carry out their own plans. Finally they were "assuredly gathering" that God wanted them in Europe, a fact that they should have learned in Antioch. How tragic when great men usurp the presidency which belongs to the Holy Spirit!

Christ's last message to seven local churches (Rev. 2:3) was, "Hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." But so many of us don't have ears that hear.

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THE FINAL AUTHORITY OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

Part III: The Verbal Inspiration of the Old Testament

In spite of the serious concessions which some evangelical leaders of our day are making, it is nevertheless true that the verbal inspiration of Scripture is *not a mere theory* to be accepted or rejected by individual Christians according to their personal preferences! Instead, it is one of the basic doctrines of Christianity, was taught in no uncertain terms by our Lord Jesus Christ and His appointed apostles. To put the doctrine of the verbal inerrancy of Scripture into the category of a mere theory, therefore, is to call into question the authority of Christ himself and, by implication, to undermine all the other doctrines which He taught.

All Scripture Is God-breathed

In his very last epistle, the aged Paul wrote to Timothy: "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God." For this very reason, Paul added, it "is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" (II Tim. 3:16). The Greek word translated "given by inspiration of God" *(theopneustos)* literally means "God-breathed," and refers to a creative act of God, as expressed, for example, in Psalm 33:6: "By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth." In other words, Paul is not saying here that God inspired *men* to write the Scriptures; nor does he say that God breathed upon the *writings* of certain men to give them a divine polish and permanence. No; the point of Paul's statement is that *God himself* is the author and creator of every part and every word of Scripture!

In view of the fact that the Old Testament and its history of God's miraculous interventions on behalf of His people has been the special target of modern critical attacks, it is significant that the Apostle Paul referred primarily to the Old Testament in this verse. It was the Old Testament Scriptures which Timothy had learned from childhood at the feet of his mother Eunice and his grandmother Lois (II Tim. 1:5). These same Scriptures made him "wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus" (II Tim. 3:15) when Paul first unfolded their true meaning to him at Lystra (Acts 16:1).

More Sure Than an Eyewitness

The Apostle Peter clearly supported Paul's doctrine of Scripture. In his last epistle, he assured the saints that "we have not followed cunningly devised fables," for he and the other apostles "were eyewitnesses of his majesty" (II Pet. 1:16). Nevertheless, Peter goes on to say, there is something far more sure and permanent and valuable than a living apostle! It is *the prophetic word* ("word of prophecy"), "whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place." God's Word is a pure and perfect light because no prophetic Scripture is of any private or human origination ("interpretation"). It did not come

into existence through the will of man. Instead, "holy men of God spake as they were *moved* by the Holy Ghost"—carried irresistibly to a goal not their own and by a power not their own as a ship is carried along by the wind (Acts 27:15—same Greek verb). It is true that *men spake;* but the important thing to note here is that when they wrote the prophetic Scriptures, they did so under the full control of *the Holy Spirit.* The result, therefore, was a flawless and infallible Bible.

One Jot or One Tittle

The reason why Paul and Peter spoke so clearly on the doctrine of verbal inspiration is that Christ himself taught this doctrine. In the Sermon on the Mount, our Lord enunciated the doctrine of the "jot and tittle inspiration" of the Old Testament Scriptures. The "jot" was the smallest Hebrew letter, and the "tittle" was one part of a Hebrew letter. "Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled" (Matt. 5:18). Our Lord constantly illustrated the supreme authority of Scripture in His earthly ministry. His ministry began with "It is written" to defeat Satan in the wilderness, and it ended with a strong rebuke to two disciples for being fools and slow of heart, not believing *all* that the prophets had spoken (Luke 24:25-44). He said to Jewish leaders: "Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures" (Matt. 22:29). In Matthew 22:43, He based an argument upon *a single word* in the Old Testament, "Lord" in and even on the particular *tense of a verb,* "I am" in Matthew 22:32.

In commenting on our Lord's assertion that "the Scripture cannot be broken" (John 10:35), Pierre Marcel has well said: "It is unalterable, indestructible in its truth, indifferent to every denial, to human ignorance and criticism, to charges of error, and to subjective attacks. Let us then be instructed and convinced! The Holy Spirit prevents us from accepting the opinion of those who say that Christ was governed by the intellectual outlook of His time and country, and who *oppose* His testimony in the name of 'modern scientific methods.' For us, the thought of the Master is canonical. It is an external authority superior to all the most venerable rabbinical, ecclesiastical, and scientific authorities. The witness of the Holy Spirit in our heart disposes us to prefer the affirmations of Jesus. For us, the authority of Christ is a mystical fact of the first order, for we know the power with which His Word is impressed on our faith. In humility we receive His witness which guarantees to us the formal authority of the Old Testament and its divine inspiration, which is the principle of this authority." ("Our Lord's Use of Scripture," in *Revelation and the Bible,* edited by Carl F. H. Henry, Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1958, p. 134.)

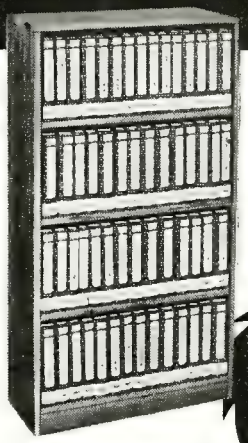
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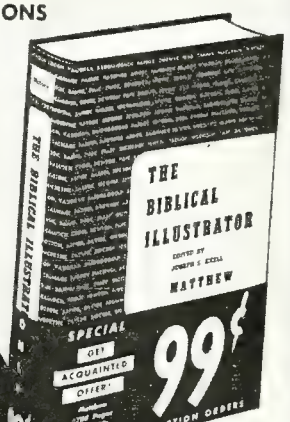
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Our Summer Missionaries

The pictures that you see on this page are pictures of our two summer missionaries who went to Cuba, New Mexico, this summer. We want our Missionary Herald readers to become acquainted with these young people. Pat Tomlin, from the Paramount Brethren Church in California, and Tom McClellan, from the Cherry Valley Brethren Church in California, had a rich and fruitful summer under the western skies of New Mexico.

Pat, a student at Biola College in La Mirada, California, taught a daily Bible class for children, counseled at camp, taught Sunday school, contributed musically to the services, did painting and cleaning, and served as hostess to the women and girls at District Conference. Sounds like a busy summer? We want to share with you a few words from her wonderful letter which Pat wrote to us:

"I am thanking you and the Youth Council for the summer I've had this year. What I've learned about the Navajo people and our missionaries will never be forgotten and is helping me to mold my life. I now know the problems and desires here at our mission, and I will try to inform our people and get them 'on the ball' for the needs here. All I have seen here is love: love for Christ, love for each other, love for His work, and love for His people. I will never be able to repay you for the blessings I've had. Seeing the eyes widen as the children hear the stories of Jesus is a wonderful thrill. I'll be working to get other young people to give their time, and their lives to the Lord. I'll try and repay you in the lives of our YOUTH!" Thank you, Pat.

By the way, we could use two young men next summer at our mission in Cuba, New Mexico, says Superintendent Jim McClellan. How about you?

Tom McClellan, a student at Bob Jones University in Greenville, South Carolina, did a wonderful job all during his stay at the Mission in construction work. You could usually find Tom on the tractor, leveling a hill and filling the three completed leech lines with the earth he moved. Tom also contributed musically, and preached at one service while he was there.

Northern Atlantic Wins!

It was Northern Atlantic district Quiz Team which came out on top over Indiana district at the final championship quiz on the night of the Conference Youth Rally! For awhile it was a close quiz, but soon Northern Atlantic pulled away, and won in good fashion! Congratulations to both teams for a very fine job! (Indiana District won last year, and are to be commended for producing another fine team.)

Nine districts were represented in the quizzing this year, and we are hoping that all fourteen districts will have quiz teams this year. The quiz books for 1963 are Mark and Hebrews.



Pat Tomlin



Tom McClellan

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EDITORIALS

By Lester E. Pifer

It was just a few years ago that an order was given at Wright Field in Dayton, Ohio for a pilot to take a new plane and make a power dive over the field for photographic purposes. The sleek jet flashed down from the heavens, streaked across the field and soon vanished into the blue from where it came. This historical flight had cataclysmic effects. The powerful jet had passed through the sound barrier. The long ear piercing shriek had combined and multiplied itself until it became a resounding explosion that broke nearly one-third of the windows in the Administration Building. It almost set off an alert as if an enemy bomb had dropped upon the nerve center of the Airforce. This was the beginning of super-sonic aircraft, a major breakthrough in our airborne protection system.

The home-mission program has hovered near the fifty mission point mark for a number of years. Offerings have stabilized to approximately the same figure year by year. The National Fellowship of Brethren Churches is growing. New churches are being established, others are going self-supporting in both the district and the national home-mission program. However, home-mission giving has not increased commensurate to the growth of our fellowship, nor has it kept pace with inflation and the valuation of the dollar. Even the numerical lists of donors have not increased proportionately. Like the Airforce, we need a breakthrough in home missions to meet the need and growth of our Nation.

Home missionary giving is definitely related to the spirituality of our church, the recognition of the need of America, and the results being set forth in our missionary endeavor.

Spiritually speaking, our Fellowship needs a sweeping revival. The Holy Spirit must be grieved when our church (like a sleeping giant) sound in Biblical doctrine with its excellently trained leadership, fails in meeting goal after goal that God has laid upon our hearts. Our Sunday schools should have doubled long ago. Every church in the brotherhood should have reached more souls for Christ. More churches should have been built. Greater advances in foreign fields should have been made. Instead we are stalled in our program, hampered by petty differences, personality problems, pride, and prejudices and have slipped into a frightening, deathly lethargy.

It was a dark day in Israel when King Uzziah died. Isaiah, God's man of the hour looked up and saw the Lord. He became keenly aware of the position, power, and character of God. He saw his sin, the sin of those about him, and God's method in cleansing. Isaiah's vision, experience, and response to the call of God is a formula for revival in the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches.

Vision is one of the most dynamic elements in the progress of the Lord's work. When our eyes focus upon our Lord's person and message, the plight of a lost world and the needed response is produced upon the screen of the human heart. Then, the "Woe is me" and "Here am I, send me" will appear. So wonderful was this vision to Isaiah that minor things were forgotten, and reaching a lost people was the only course of action. This vision we sorely need on every level in The Brethren Church.

Home-mission records and statistical reports have brought great concern to The Brethren Home Missions Council. We do not minimize the value of a soul saved, but 613 souls saved in fifty-two home-mission churches last year is no glowing report. Nor is a net gain of only 759 souls in our whole fellowship a record to boast about. Are we a soul-winning church? Have we mastered our potential and followed the commands of Christ in Matthew 28:19 and Acts 1:8? Is the lowering of Biblical standards and requirements the answer? Do we face a situation in this modern day of apostasy and sin in which God's methods will not work? The answer to all these questions can be found in a heart-searching meditation upon the sixth chapter of Isaiah and a careful consideration of this whole problem before the Lord in prayer.

Home-mission churches and missionaries have been challenged on these issues. Every field is responding with a goal of families to be reached this year for Christ. To date a total goal of 343 families has been set. *This year must be a year of breakthrough in vision and souls in home missions!*

How wonderful it would be if every church and mission field in The Brethren Church would carefully and prayerfully examine their hearts, set a goal and lay hold upon God's power and blessing to see a breakthrough in souls this year! New vision and soul-winning will spark revival. It will produce a Holy concern for the lost, a careful examination of daily walk and willing hearts to witness the glorious message of the cross. It will automatically produce a new spirit of giving. When revival fires begin to burn, yielded hearts are set aflame, and lost souls begin to walk down the aisles of our churches, God's blessing will come in great abundance. Local, district and national goals will be met. The National Fellowship of Brethren Churches' action will be "Forward for Christ!" *Brethren pray for a breakthrough in vision, souls, and giving!*

COVER PHOTO—HOME MISSION ISSUE



Ground breaking—signals the beginning of another new home-mission church and the beginning of a greater outreach for our National Fellowship of Brethren Churches.

Silverbell Groundbreaking a "Summit" Meeting

By Rev. J. C. McKillen



Rev. and Mrs. J. C. McKillen

It must have been the Lord's doing! Everything happened so fast! And in such certainty! It is marvelous in our eyes!

Now, up here on the quiet hilltop, looking away across the city to the Catalinas reaching almost 10,000 feet upward to our northeast, forty-three people were to dig in on a new missionary adventure. Mr. Robert Canfield, president of the Tucson Mountain Association, had welcomed us, the first church to start—now the first church to build in Tucson's new northwest. The contractors had thanked us for the job, and promised us the classroom wing by Thanksgiving! The auditorium in time for the Christmas program! Rev. Richard Beal, president of Tucson NAE, had welcomed us as a "real" church of the "real" Lord Jesus Christ, with His "real" Gospel. He, like Mr. Canfield, was genuinely glad—not that "a" church was coming out Silverbell Road, but that a "real" church was coming here. A congratulatory telegram from the San Jose church and Pastor Lyle Marvin had been read.

Brother Edward Kluth, building committee chairman, had introduced the committee, and pointed out how each one was uniquely important to the work.

It was up here on the hilltop, that Dr. L. L. Grubb took us to Nehemiah, and his vision among the ruined walls of Jerusalem, and showed us how God had enabled the returned remnant to overcome difficulties and restore the city. He told us how over and over again, Nehemiah and the Jewish people had been driven back to their only unfailing resource—God! And the importance of meeting Him in constant prayer.

Then came the test for the golden shovel! The blade was sharp. The pastor's foot sufficiently large and heavy! But, the spade bit only a few inches into this "genuine Arizona!" Committeemen Edward Kluth, Bob Fisher, Kenneth Slarb, Charles McKenzie, Ross Ritter, Barstow Hoffman, Jim Redding, and the visiting dignitaries all prodded loose a few more portions of the rocky hill. Yes; many of the ladies and the young folk dug in too! But, we are all glad the Lord allowed a big trencher to do the real digging on the following Wednesday!

It was a cool September afternoon for Tucson, only in low nineties! But, to our visitors from Winona Lake it seemed warm! That morning in church Dr. Grubb had told a packed living-dining area that Missions was always the business of the church, Home Missions, Foreign Missions—Missions! When the church lost its vision of missions, it had lost its vision entirely—it had lost its mission. He pled with Tucson to keep up missions giving even in a building program.

On Monday prior to the ground-breaking, the building committee unanimously rejected the request of one contractor for a delay in the bidding date. On Tuesday word was received that Dr. Grubb would be available for a ground-breaking service the following Sunday. On Wednesday, Charles McKenzie (a former contractor, and member of our building committee) and the pastor, met with the architect, Miss Anne Rysdale, and five fine contractors for bid opening. After a first bid of $41,000-plus, we were grateful to have one bid as low as $31,767. We culled out many things we could wait for, and so many other things we could work for. We then prayerfully took our five bids to the building committee. With their unanimous recommendation to take the low bid, it was presented to the church and was unanimously approved.

On Thursday we took our story to the newspapers, and both gave us excellent Saturday coverage. The presidents of the Tucson Mountain Association, and the Tucson Chapter of the National Association of Evangelicals, Mr. Robert Canfield and Rev. Richard S. Beale, would be delighted to bring us words of welcome. On Friday Brother McKenzie and the pastor met again with the architect, and the low bidders, Mr. Bill Mott and Mr. "Mickey" Lane, of Mott & Lane Construction Company. The contract details, bond, and so forth, were worked out and the papers signed. That evening the Lord sent a good, somewhat cooling rain, with promise of more to come! Saturday evening Dr. and Mrs. Grubb arrived with Sharon and Ronnie. Dr. Grubb's mother, Mrs. Louie Grubb, accompanied the family and got in her first "ground-breaking" service the next day.

It must have been the Lord's doing! Only He could have so marvelously brought together so many factors under such complete control! The contractor had just hired a new job superintendent and assigned him to this job. He came out to look over the job and found that this was where his two younger children had been

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attending Sunday school! But that was on Monday after ground breaking.

Yes; you see this is the Lord's doing, and it has to be marvelous in our eyes. The contractor started work the following day! On Saturday, fol-

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Editor's Note

Sunday, September 9, 1962, was at once a day of victory and also of anticipation to the Tucson brethren.

Just a little over one year has elapsed since Rev. and Mrs. J. C. McKillen moved to Tucson, Arizona, believing God had called them to lead this new church. The Lord's blessing upon their ministry has continued from the beginning. Several faithful Brethren families and friends of the church have served the Lord with gladness so that enough growth has been experienced to warrant the construction of a small church building. Having met in the pastor's home all of these months, the prospect of a new church building is a blessed anticipation. The growing Sunday school demands more room.

The breaking of ground with about fifty people present signaled the beginning of church construction. Situated on one of the finest and highest locations in the city of Tucson, this church building will be a credit to the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. Standing at the door, one will be able to view the whole growing city of Tucson, which is our field. Located specifically in the Tucson Mountains area, it is surrounded by new homes and many more are being built.

This is a great opportunity for Christ.

Pray for the Tucson Brethren!—L.L.G.











LEGEND

Top down: J. C. McKillen with the shovel and from left to right, Edward Kluth, building committee chairman; James Redding, Ross Ritter, Kenneth Slaub, Charles McKenzie, Barstow Hoffman, building committee members; Bill Mott, contractor; Robert Fisher, building committee; and "Mickey" Lane, contractor; ground-breaking group, building plans displayed and described from the easel; the parsonage-church; and the Sunday morning congregation.

One, Two, Three

One



Two



Three



One opportunity every pastor would like is to break ground for a new church building. This opportunity came to Rev. J. C. McKillen on April 26, 1953, when the ground was broken for the Grace Brethren Church of Phoenix, Arizona. This church has developed under Brethren Home Missions until it is now a thriving self-supporting work. (Top photo left)

Two ground-breaking services for two new home-mission churches in the same state is a unique record. This is the record for Brother McKillen with the breaking of ground for the new Silverbell Community Grace Brethren Church on Sunday, September 9, 1962. (Bottom photo left)

Three is now the total of the ground-breaking services for Brother McKillen and in less than a decade. The second such service was San Jose, California, on October 7, 1959. (Center photo right.) This enviable record has been compiled by Brother McKillen with his wife Edna, and after the time in life when a lot of people would think of retiring. Should our Lord tarry, I would not be surprised if you may be reading about number four and possibly number five in this increasing record ground breaking series. Pioneering for the McKillens may not be "as easy as pie," but it is just as palatable because this is the ministry the Lord has called them into.



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GROUND BROKEN—BUILDING BEGINNING

Immediately following the ground-breaking the construction firm of Mott and Lane started on the building. The above photo arrived at the Brethren Home Missions Council office on Monday, September 24, just in time to appear in this issue and show the progress made from September 9 up to the day of the photo which could have been only about ten days. At this rate the promise of getting into part of the building by Thanksgiving should become a reality.

The new building will be located on Silverbell road and thus the name Silverbell Community Grace Brethren Church. The architect for the building was Miss Anne Rysdale.

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Home Mission Field Reports

DENVER, COLO. (Tom Inman, pastor). We are praising the Lord for a decision for Christ on Sunday plus three decisions for reconsecration plus two decisions for baptism. This brings it to a total of five who are ready and waiting to follow the Lord in baptism. We are pleased to have four students in Grace College this year.

RIALTO, CALIF. (Gerald Polman, pastor). We are praising the Lord for the decisions which have been made every Sunday since returning from Conference and especially on September 23, when we had eight rededications, four first-time decisions, and one for church membership making a total of thirteen decisions for the day. On September 16 we baptized four.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH. (Earle Peer, pastor). Last Sunday (Sept. 16) it was our privilege to baptize four people of which two were adults and two youth. It may be necessary to secure a new temporary meeting place in case the school now being used is not available this fall, and we would appreciate your prayers for us.

JOHNSTOWN, PA. (Randy Poyner, pastor). We have contacted families who do not go to church anywhere and who said when they did start to church that it would be the Geistown Grace Brethren. There is a potential of over 160 such people we have met thus far. Last Sunday (Sept. 9) we had members of three new families in church contacted through our Vacation Bible School.

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA. (A. Harold Arrington, pastor). Our Sunday-school superintendent, Mr. Lambert Myers, was elected by the recent conference of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches to serve as a member of the National Sunday School Board. The Virginia Beach Sunday School was selected as the "Sunday school of the year" for the two years 1960 and 1961 under the leadership of Mr. Myers.

ARVADA, COLO. (Edward Mensinger, pastor). The Golden Bible Class and later Northwest Bible Class is now the Symphony Grace Brethren Church associating the name with the Symphony housing development.

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Rev. and Mrs. Edward Mensinger and Clear Creek Valley Grange Building.

ISRAEL CALLS!

And Listen for One Minute!

By Bruce L. Button

"Hello there! So glad you called! How does life seem today? Do you find everything going well or do you feel buffeted and pushed about by adversity? This world would be a wonderful place if we could eliminate the bruising we receive as we live each day. When a little girl fell down on the sidewalk and skinned her knee, she said to her mother, 'Wouldn't it be wonderful if all the world were cushioned?' And it would be wonderful, wouldn't it? But since the world is not cushioned, the God of heaven has arranged something better for those who trust in Him and in His Messiah. He has arranged to cushion us from the bumps of the world. Saul of Tarsus knew of this, for he said: 'I can do [or face up to] all things through [Messiah] which strengtheneth me.'

"If you are a person of Jewish extraction I have a book for you which tells of this manner of God's protection. You may have your gift copy if you will call Pastor Button at 651-0643, that's 651,0643, or write to him at 469 North Kings Road, Los Angeles 48. God bless you good today; Shalom!"

Had you been in Los Angeles Monday, September 17, and dialed telephone 651-0228 you too would have heard the above message by means of our telephone recorder answering service. But even though you called this number we would have had no way of knowing your reaction to the message unless you would call me at the 651-0643 number and talked to me personally. Now the Answering Service rings many times a day—fifty, one hundred, sometimes even 300 times a day. Each time it rings a minute message of the Gospel goes forth together with an encouragement to read God's Word. That message has been placed on the recorder the previous evening between 10:00 and 12:00 o'clock. And each time it is time to record the message we have prayer that God will bless it to the heart of each one interested enough to call.

Two or three times each day one of these callers ring me on my personal phone. It is then we have the privilege to witness to these people. For instance—just yesterday a young Jewess, a Miss Rosalind C, called regarding the message. She told me she was trying to find a belief which would satisfy the longing of her heart. She said that Judaism did not have the answer to this longing. She asked me what I believed caused people to be pleasing to God.

Now I had never had this question put to me before by a Jewish person. I asked a question in return. "Do you," I asked, "believe in man's sinfulness?" She replied that she did and she was forced to this conclusion by the sin and misery in the world. Then I asked: "Do you believe that sin is displeasing to God?" She answered that she did and that this was her problem, for although she had never committed great sins, nevertheless, her life had its sin problem. "What should I do" she asked?

I started with the problem of original sin. I told her how it came into the world. I demonstrated from the Holy Scripture how even the greatest of God's saints were tainted with the problem of personal sin and how each recognized his problem. I pointed out the necessity of a sacrifice for sin, and how the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and always in the past and was even now, demanding that we have such a sacrifice. As we talked of the Old Testament sacrifices, of the temple, of the high priest, of the priesthood, she asked: "But *is* sacrifice necessary today since there is no altar, or temple or priesthood or high priest? Doesn't God understand we are but humans and make allowance for us?"

I took her to the New Testament. I pointed out God the Son that He is the Messiah, that He had to die for sin. I pointed out the Old Testament passages which indicate Jesus to be the Messiah of Israel; passages, such as Genesis 49:10, Isaiah 9:6-7; 53; Zechariah 12:10, as well as others. I asked her what reason she could give for the destruction of the Temple and the cessation of the animal sacrifices other than the fact that the God of heaven had made the one final and supreme sacrifice for sin which could be offered by any man? She had no answer.

Then I read John 3:16-21 and also John 20:21. "You can know for certain," I said, "that this problem which troubles all men and is troubling you can find its solution in the person of Jesus of Nazareth, the Messiah of Israel and the Saviour of those who trust in Him." As we closed our discussion, she requested that I send her a copy of the Holy Scripture (the Old Testament) and also a copy of the New Testament. "And please," she said, "send the little book about Peace; and the information about the time of your meetings in the mission."

So once again the little gray metal box, which sets on my desk and automatically answers the telephone call and gives out the minute message, has put me in touch with a person

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who needs the Gospel. Our prayer is that God, the Holy Spirit, will continue to work in her heart causing her to accept her gracious Messiah.

The next time you are in Los Angeles, dial us at 651-0228 and perhaps you will hear—"Hello there! So glad you called! Disobedience and rebellion are rampant in our world today. We explain such trouble as the awakening of the human intellect; mental revolution. But would the mind, and that devised by the mind, which exercises real intelligence direct its efforts in the direction of rebellion? I think not! What is being displayed today is that which God called to our attention in the days of the *navim,* the Prophets, when He said through them: 'I have . . . brought up children, and they have rebelled against me, they are laden with iniquity . . . they have forsaken the Lord' (Berkley Version).

"You see, all men, even you and I, need a new nature, a new heart which will incline toward Adanoi. He promises by Jeremiah: 'The days come when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah . . . This shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel . . . I will give them a new heart' (literal).

"The Holy Scripture tells more about this new heart, this new godly nature, and how to obtain it. If you are a person of Jewish extraction, I have a gift copy of the Holy Scripture just for you. Request it by calling Pastor Button at 651-0643, that's 651-0643, or write to him at 469 North Kings Road, Los Angeles 48. God bless you good today, and Shalom!"

The Jew

Author Unknown

Scattered by God's avenging hand,
Afflicted and forlorn,
Sad wanderers from their pleasant land,
Do Judah's children mourn:
And e'en in Christian countries, few
Breathe thoughts of pity for the Jew.

Yet listen, gentile, do you love
The Bible's precious page?
Then let your hearts with kindness move
To Israel's heritage;
Who traced those lines of love for you?
Each sacred writer was a Jew.

And then as years and ages passed,
And nations rose and fell,
Though clouds and darkness oft were cast
O'er captive Israel,
The oracles of God for you
Were kept in safety by the Jew.

And when the great Redeemer came
For guilty man to bleed,
He did not take an angel's name
No—born of Abraham's seed
Jesus, who gave His life for you,
The gentle Saviour was a Jew.

And though His own received Him not
And turned in pride away,
Whence is the gentile's happier lot?
Are you more just than they?
No; God in pity turned to you—
Have you not pity for the Jew?

Go, then, and bend your knee to pray
For Israel's ancient race;
Ask the dear Saviour every day
To call them by His grace;
Go, for a debt of love is due
From Christian gentiles to the Jew.

Silverbell . . .

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lowing the ground breaking, the footings had been dug, and the stair-step foundation has been poured! Reinforcement rods protruded from the broad grey band which rushes daringly down the hillside at the one corner. Six stacks of blocks and a huge pile of sand were newly etched on the horizon. The water meter, which was to take three weeks for installation, was installed in three days. Jim Redding just "happened" to know someone who expedited it. Without it we could hardly expect block to be laid next Monday! Our first Sunday-school pupil from the neighborhood just "happened" to be the youngest son of an electrical contractor, Floyd Stone. He just "happened" to be the sub-contractor who will be doing our electrical work after making what he called a "friendly" bid for the church which they sometimes get to attend. Perhaps you might "happen" to remember Floyd and his wife: they neither one are well. She has a very serious back injury which she suffered a few weeks ago in lifting a dying sister. Prayer can make the brace she must wear the rest of her life a little less painful and irksome.

Do you agree that this is the Lord's doing? And is it marvelous in your eyes? Fine! Then we know you will want to pray that He will make possible the completion of this construction. Pray, brother and sister, that He will consummate overdue decisions to "assemble together" Christians in the bond of full membership, many who are already serving informally with us. And that He will also "add to the number such as should be saved"—that even when such things begin to quicken the hallelujahs . . . all shall say, and mean: "This is the Lord's doing, and it is MARVELOUS in our eyes!

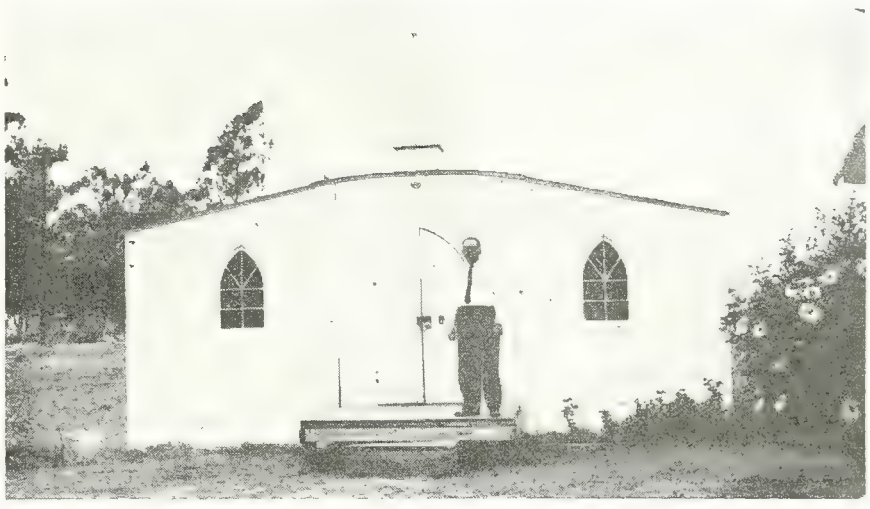
Home Mission . . .

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The Clear Creek Valley Grange Hall has been secured for a meeting place. Two new families were in our services last Sunday (Sept. 2) and a record offering received. An option has been taken on property for a church site. The Midwest District has our church in their budget for $1,000.

LANCASTER, PA. (Wm. Tweeddale, pastor). In Sunday school yesterday (Sept. 23) we had over 150, and we are asking the Lord to enlarge our Sunday school to 180 during the enlargement campaign. If this is realized, we will have to begin two Sunday schools. In the evening service there were two decisions to accept Christ as Saviour. At the business meeting the same evening, a unanimous vote was given for the purchase of property on Rohrstown-Orville roads.

2-1-0 THE COUNTDOWN



0 is January 1, 1963, when the new Westminster Grace Brethren Church must be under way. November and December are the only two months left before this zero date. The pastor, Robert Thompson, is standing at the door of the temporary building that must go if a new building is not started. He is looking to you Minute-men for the help he needs in this critical hour. The letter with a return envelope has been sent to you. Have you prayerfully considered this need, Minute-men?

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DATELINE



MEMBER EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION

SUNNYSIDE, WASH. The Northwest district Sunday School convention will be held at First Brethren Church during Nov. 12 through 14. Dr. Harold Etling will be one of the featured speakers. The committee in charge of this convention is: H. L. Moore, chairman; W. Carl Miller, Harrah, Wash.; George Christie, Grandview, Wash. The theme of the coming convention will be "Adults, the Key to Outreach." Recently Brother Moore was elected as vice chairman of the Greater Yakima Sunday School Convention.

MANSFIELD, OHIO. The Mansfield Christian School, operated by the Grace Brethren Church, R. Paul Miller, Jr., pastor, began its second year of operation with 82 students in attendance. This is an increase of 130 percent over the previous year. The school includes kindergarten through fifth grade and has four full-time teachers. Chester Weigle is principal of the school.

JOHNSTOWN, PA. Dr. Harold Etling conducted a Sunday-school conference at the First Brethren Church during Sept. 28-30. James Sweeton, pastor.

CLEVELAND, OHIO. The First Brethren Church had a tea after church on Sept. 16 to honor Mr. and Mrs. August Turk on their 59th wedding anniversary. The church secretary also reports that Rev. Clair Brickel completed a five-year ministry at this church on Sept. 2. During his ministry the church was able to go self-supporting, purchase an organ, tile the church basement and install a new sink and tile in the parsonage kitchen. The congregation prays that the Lord will bless his new ministry in Brookville, Ohio.

HONOLULU, HAWAII. Twelve of Grace Chapel's Jet Cadet boys accompanied by Henry Kimura, Searle Grace, and Earl Wagner (acting pastor of Grace Chapel and former student of Grace Seminary) enjoyed an overnight camping trip at Nanakuli beach. A time of Christian fellowship was enjoyed.

YAKIMA, WASH. Howard Mayes, pastor of Grace Brethren Church, suggests an answer to sagging attendances at church prayer meetings. He recommends that the service be held in the home of some church family each week with the host sending out a personal invitation to each family of the church. Brother Mayes' church has been doing this for a month and attendances have more than tripled.

DAYTON, OHIO. A Word of Life Youth rally with Jack Wyrtzen was held at the Patterson Park Brethren Church on Oct. 11. Ken Nanfelt, tenor soloist, provided special music for the service. Nathan Casement, pastor.

HAGERSTOWN, MD. Evangelist Bill Smith reports an average revival meeting attendance of over 90 at the Gay Street Brethren Church, William Howard, pastor, during Sept. 16-23. There were ten first-time decisions and eight rededications of life.

SIDNEY, IND. The Sidney Brethren Church has extended a unanimous call to their present pastor, A. Rollin Sandy, to continue for another year. He will complete his fifth year as under-shepherd of this flock in January.

DAYTON, OHIO. John Sergey, director of the World Fellowship of Slavic Evangelical Christians, was the guest soloist and speaker at the North Riverdale Brethren Church on Sept. 23. Russell Ward, pastor.

BEAUMONT, CALIF. The members of the Cherry Valley Brethren Church presented Pastor and Mrs. Wendell Kent with a beautiful portable stereo phonograph at a farewell reception held Sept. 23. A plaque attached to the stereo commemorates their five years of service to the church. Brother Kent assumed the pastorate of the Washington Heights Brethren Church of Roanoke, Va. on Oct. 1.

RITTMAN, OHIO. Foreign-mission giving has passed the $5,000 mark for the first time in the history of the First Brethren Church. Pastor Charles Turner reports that the foreign-mission emphasis in the church has exceeded all expectations.

FORT WAYNE, IND. The boys and girls of First Brethren Sunday School appeared in caps and gowns for promotion day services on Sept. 30. A photographer was on hand to take pictures. Each boy and girl received a picture of the group. Mark Malles is pastor.

WARSAW, IND. Rev. and Mrs. Richard Sellers announce the arrival of Anita Marie, a 7 lb. 4 oz. baby girl born Aug. 16. Brother Sellers is pastor of the Community Grace Brethren Church.

LISTIE, PA. R. I. Humberd, author and Bible conference speaker of Flora, Ind., was the guest speaker at the Listie Brethren Church during Sept. 25-27.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Rev. and Mrs. Wendell Kent, 3914 Tyler Ave., N.W., Roanoke, Va. Rev. and Mrs. Russell Konves, 82-742 Smoke Tree Ave., Indio, Calif. Tel. Diamond 7-2924. Rev. and Mrs. Randall Poyner, R 2623 Bedford St., Johnstown, Pa.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

The names of six different Brethren ministers will appear on this newspage each week for your intercessory prayer. This is a response to the recommendation made in the moderator's address at our 1962 National Conference held at Winona Lake, Ind. Moderator John Aeby urged the use of some plan of prayer in behalf of the ministers of our brotherhood. Pray fervently for these.

C. S. Zimmerman, Dayton, Ohio
John Zielasko, Brazil
James Young, Sterling, Ohio
Gene Witzky, South Bend, Ind.
Kenneth Wilt, Jenners, Pa.
R. L. Williams, Cheyenne, Wyo.

Wedding Bells

Announcements in this column are published when sent in by a pastor.

Rebecca BeMiller and Phillip J. Swihart, Sept. 2, at the Grace Brethren Church, Elkhart, Ind.

The Final Authority of Holy Scripture

BY JOHN C. WHITCOMB, JR., Th.D.
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Part IV: The Verbal Inspiration of the New Testament

It is highly significant that the key texts of the New Testament on the doctrine of the verbal inerrancy of Scripture, such as Matthew 5:18, John 10:35, II Timothy 3:16, and II Peter 1:19-21, refer primarily to that part of the Bible which has been subjected to the most vigorous attacks by unbelievers—the Old Testament. God knew that the time would come when many professing Christians would "not endure sound doctrine," but would "turn away their ears from the truth, and be turned unto fables" (II Tim. 4:3-4). Therefore He safeguarded His Word by assuring the saints of its absolute trustworthiness and integrity. In fact, it almost seems that our Lord made a special point of choosing His illustrations and warnings from those portions of the Old Testament that would become objects of unbelieving scorn and ridicule throughout the coming centuries. In Matthew 19:4, He referred to the creation of Adam and Eve; in Luke 17:26-27, to Noah, the Ark, and the Flood; in Luke 17:29, to the destruction of Sodom by fire and brimstone from heaven; in Luke 17:32, to the transformation of Lot's wife into a pillar of salt; in Matthew 12:40, to the experience of Jonah in the belly of the great fish; and in Luke 11:32, to the repentance of the Ninevites at the preaching of Jonah.

Christ and the New Testament

It is of the utmost importance for us to recognize, however, that our Lord has fully guaranteed the verbal inspiration and inerrancy of the New Testament as well! He certainly promised this much concerning the four Gospels, when He said to His disciples on the night before Calvary: "The Comforter, even the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and *bring to your remembrance all that I said unto you*" (John 14:26 ASV). And this promise of infallibility was certainly extended to include the Acts, the epistles, and The Revelation, when He added: "When He, the Spirit of truth, is come, he shall guide you into *all truth:* for he shall not speak from himself . . . and he shall declare unto you *the things that are to come*" (John 16:13 ASV).

Paul and the New Testament

It is quite clear that the Apostle Paul taught the verbal inspiration of his own epistles, for he reminded the Corinthians that the things he wrote were "not in words which man's wisdom teacheth, but *which the Spirit teacheth*" (I Cor. 2:13); and that "if any man thinketh himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him take knowledge of the things which I write unto you, that they are *the commandment of the Lord*" (I Cor. 14:37). Even more pointedly, Paul wrote to the Thessalonians that "if any man *obeyeth not our word by this epistle,* note that man, that ye have no company with him, to the end that he may be ashamed" (II Thess. 3:14). But did Paul also believe in the verbal inspiration of the Gospels? Yes, for the same Paul who told Timothy that "all scripture is God-breathed" (II Tim. 3:16) also told Timothy that a passage found in Luke 10:7 was part of "the scripture" (I Tim. 5:18).

Peter and the New Testament

It is most precious and encouraging to find that the same Peter who had explained that the prophetic Scriptures were produced by men of God who "spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost" (II Pet. 1:21), pointed out in a later chapter of the same letter that "our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written . . . in all his epistles" concerning the coming of the Lord, "in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, *as they do also the other scriptures,* unto their own destruction" (II Pet. 3:15-16). Peter fully recognized the divine inspiration of Paul's epistles, placing them on a level with "the other scriptures," even though he didn't fully understand everything in them! Obviously, only writings inspired by God himself can bring spiritual destruction to those who "wrest" or twist them unto their own purposes. We are reminded of a similar warning by our Lord concerning those who would tamper with the Book of The Revelation (Rev. 22:18-19). It is a serious matter to undermine the confidence of men in the revealed Word of God!

Conclusion

In this day, when increasing pressure is being experienced by Christians who accept by faith the Bible's clear testimony to its own verbal inerrancy, it is supremely important that we should know *what we believe* concerning this doctrine *and why.* Many Protestant denominations which have long stood for an infallible Bible are beginning to drift from their moorings into the shoreless and chartless ocean of subjectivity and theorizing. Once this doctrine has been reduced to the level of a mere theory, each man becomes a law unto himself as to what God has said or not said. But Christ and His apostles have assured us that we *do* have an absolutely dependable and authoritative standard for doctrine and practice in the Holy Scriptures. May God help us, therefore, as individual Christians, and as a National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, to stand upon this unshakable rock of divine revelation, and having done all, by His grace, to stand!

YOUTH OF AMERICA

. . . and Their Needs

BY STEVE STURDEVANT

Beaver City, Nebraska

(Editor's note: Steve Sturdevant delivered this sermon in the preacher boy contest held at the 1962 National Youth Camp at Winona Lake, Ind. He won first prize, and was offered a $75 scholarship to Grace College by the Brethren Missionary Herald.)

Did you know that there is a burglary every thirty-seven seconds, an auto theft every one and one-half minutes, a robbery every six minutes, and a murder every hour? Did you know that there are 1,200 alcoholics produced each day?

This is the spiritual tone of America—the country that was supposedly based on God. Our Government, our schools, our businesses, our homes, and our churches—institutions, most of which, were based upon God and His Word.

What has happened to America? The Bibles have been taken out of our court rooms, prayers abandoned from schools, a chapel taken out of the White House and a bar put in, and now they're even trying to take "In God We Trust" off our coins. America—where movie stars are planning on their fifth and sixth husbands—where respect for parents is no longer given—where reading the Bible and believing in Christ is being too religious or narrow-minded.

In Psalm 9:17 it states the following: "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God." Has America forgotten God?

In the past five years crime has outstripped population five-to-one, making it an increase of 20 percent, 4 percent each year. If continued at that rate crime will double by 1975.

Most of the increase in crime is among our American youth. For crime this year increased 2 percent among adults and 8 percent among teen-agers.

This is appalling. Did you know that 90 percent of all habits are formulated in youth, and 80 percent of all who are saved were saved before twenty years of age?

These statistics should be the concern of the church and of the Christian, for someday 70 percent of all the girls and 80 percent of all the boys, between eleven and seventeen will be lost to the church if something doesn't change! "Remember now thy Creator in the day of thy youth, while the evil days come not," as stated in Ecclesiastes 12:1.

What's wrong with us teen-agers? Where have we failed? Where have our parents failed? Where have we failed as Christians?

In the first place our parents have failed to discipline us. For it states in Proverbs 22:15: "Foolishness is found in the heart of a child: but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him."

In the second place our parents have set a poor example for us. Some parents set a poor example by quarreling and swearing, by drinking beer, smoking, and going to wild parties. Some of them even end up in divorce. Then they wonder why we turn out just like them and maybe even become juvenile delinquents.

Although part of the blame does lie on our parents, most of the blame lies at our feet. If we become juvenile delinquents, it's by our own choosing. We must learn to discipline ourselves—that way is to let Jesus come into our lives.

We have failed as Christians in many ways. Alcoholism is the responsibility of the Christian. That person who is troubled with sex is the responsibility of the Christian. The dope addict, the murderer, the thief, the person who doesn't know Christ as his personal Saviour—they're all the responsibility of the Christian.

But where is the Christian? In a pool hall, at the dance, or maybe in a teen-age gang? What is the matter with the Christian? Is he afraid that if he follows Christ, he might be different, or unpopular? So, he decides to continue being a Sunday morning Christian and let the rest of the week slide by. Or, maybe he's a tomorrow Christian—I'll do it tomorrow.

It seems that you can hardly distinguish the Christian from the non-Christian.

The Bible says to "be separate" from this world. It also says in The Revelation: "Thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth." God hates a lukewarm church, and He hates lukewarmness in a Christian. Be on fire for Jesus, lukewarm Christian!

A popular magazine recently has listed three problems teen-agers face today.

First of all American young people are searching for security.

Psychologists believe this is the reason 65 percent of teen-agers are going steady. We as teen-agers look at the headlines, at the example set by some parents, at our churches where watered-down Gospels are presented—no wonder we often become frustrated, confused, and even desperate.

If you're looking for security, fellow-young person, look to Christ, surrender your life to Him because He's the only stationary thing in this world—He'll shelter you, protect you, stick closer than a brother. He's your security and He's also your ticket to heaven. If only you invite Jesus into your heart and surrender all to Him, will you feel this security!

The second problem of youth, according to the magazine, is sex.

In the past twenty-five years the sex revolution has grown faster than any other in history. Sex offenses have one of the highest percentage increase—most of which is among teen-agers. There were 226 rapes here in Indiana, and in Illinois 1,767, this past year. There is one throughout our Nation every half-hour of the day.

I was reading in *Post Magazine* some time ago about a young woman who was walking to her car in the parking lot when a young man attacked her, strangled her with a blue scarf, and threw her in the back seat of her car.

In Galion, Ohio, a teen-age boy wounded a woman and her small daughter with a knife when the mother resisted his approaches.

I don't think any of you teen-agers here would do anything of this sort. But I do accuse many of illegitimate desires.

I accuse young people everywhere in schools, in dressing rooms, at home, on the street, and even in the church of doing sexual things that are not honoring to God. Adults don't realize the sexual filth that is in our schools, especially in the dressing rooms. I know what goes on in our locker rooms, I've seen it, heard it, and used to be a part of it. But since I've become a Christian, I have endeavored to keep my mind and life pure. If we young people lose the sex battle, we lose one of the most important victories of life.

Teen-agers need Christ to hang onto if they are going to keep their lives pure in this world that is evil and corrupt. No wonder teen-agers face a sex problem when 55 percent of our films are devoted to sex, and 35 percent to crime. We find obscene literature on our magazine racks. Satan is selling sex when he plays up the thrills, but not the consequences.

In Romans 6:32 it says: "The wages of sin is death." The Bible also says: "Whoso committeth adultery [immorality] . . . lacketh understanding: and he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul."

Teen-agers, you won't find satisfaction in wrong sex experiences, but like salt water, it only increases thirst. Don't let it corrupt your mind, and souls and make a slave out of you. Let Jesus control your life, teen-ager, and He will make it pure.

The third problem of youth is leisure time. Delinquency can be charged to too many idle hours. The Bible warns against idleness and tells us to redeem the time because the days are evil.

It seems today that young people are so bored. I was often bored, but I've never been bored since I took Jesus into my heart, for there is always something new unfolding. I am absolutely convinced that Christ is the answer to idle hours.

A youth that is bored—with nothing to do—should join up in the great commission: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" according to Mark 16:15. Also Matthew 28:20: "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." In Acts 1:8 we read: "Ye shall be my witnesses." Apostle Paul said that he was a debtor to preach the Gospel and so are we. Are we ready? Are we not ashamed?

I think a fourth problem should be added to these: that is the great teen-age foe, Satan.

Satan is the head of lawlessness. He is leading thousands of young people. Satan is desperately trying to destroy Christianity. He wants world dominion. He has hundreds writing material to destroy the minds of youth, others making films to destroy morals of youth. For years he's been trying to destroy faith. He's also trying to break up the American home which is the basic unit of our society.

We must be careful, young people. For God warns that there will come a time when even the very elect will be deceived. Therefore he urges us to put on the whole armour of God that we might be able to withstand the wiles of the Devil, "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness" (Eph. 6:11-12).

Some think it smart to smoke and drink or to swear and tell dirty jokes. Or, some may think it smart to become a dope addict, an alcoholic, or sex demon, and they don't need Christ. If you're in one of these states, you need Christ and you need him badly.

You're like a piano that is out of tune—it sounds horrible—but you tune that same piano, and you'll get sweet music that's pleasing to the ear.

Oh, young person, don't plunge so deep in filth, muck, and wickedness that you can't get out because the further you go into sin the harder it is to escape from it. Your heart becomes harder and you're less responsive to the Gospel of Christ.

Teen-ager, there is hope, and that hope is in Jesus Christ. In John 1:12 it says: "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God." The Bible also says: "He that hath the son hath life." Do you have Jesus Christ? Does the Holy Spirit dwell in your heart? Jesus died on the cross for you. His blood ran down the cross to blot out your sins.

If you don't accept Jesus now in the days of your youth there's a good chance that your heart will become hard and you'll never receive Him. So, accept Jesus, young person, surrender your whole life to Him. Ninety-nine percent isn't enough it's got to be all 100 percent.

Youth of America has a need.

Youth is seeking security; power to overcome sex desires; something to do in leisure time; and strength to overcome the Devil.

Youth has avoided the answer—that answer, young person is Jesus Christ and no one but Jesus Christ.

Along the Bible Way

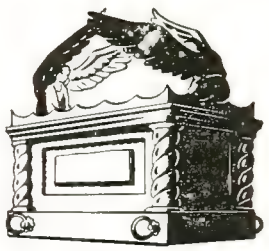
THE GIVING OF THE LAW

ON THE TOP OF MT. SINAI, IN THE MIDST OF FIRE AND SMOKE, GOD GAVE MOSES *"TWO TABLES OF STONE, WRITTEN WITH THE FINGER OF GOD."* (DEUT 9:10)





ON THESE TABLES WERE THE TEN COMMANDMENTS, LISTED IN EXODUS 20



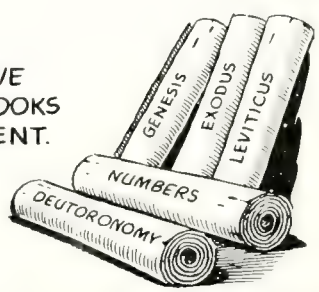
What happened to the stone tables?

THEY WERE PLACED IN THE BEAUTIFUL ARK OF THE COVENANT AND CARRIED FOR FORTY YEARS AS THE ISRAELITES WANDERED IN THE WILDERNESS. CENTURIES LATER, KING SOLOMON BUILT A PERMANENT TEMPLE AND MOVED THE ARK INTO THE MOST HOLY PLACE.

SOLOMON'S FABULOUS TEMPLE WAS DESTROYED BY THE BABYLONIANS 586 YEARS BEFORE CHRIST, AND THE STONE TABLES DISAPPEARED.

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MOSES ALSO GAVE US THE FIRST FIVE BOOKS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT. THEY ARE CALLED "THE PENTATEUCH."



Churches IN THE News

KITTANNING, PA.



Has your church ever had a tent meeting? This was our first experience and we had a wonderful time.

The Men's Fellowship of the First Brethren Church sponsored a two-week meeting with the Polmans. Tent meetings are not new to Brother Leo Polman. He took it in stride. Mrs. Polman helped with the music on the accordion, musical sleigh bells, and the human trumpet.

Don Rough, assistant pastor and director of music, arranged the music with our junior choir of forty voices, the senior choir, and visiting musical talent.

Some September nights are rather cool for a tent meeting. Two nights it was a bit chilly. One night we sang a Christmas Carol. Then we secured several space heaters and it was very comfortable.

A local merchant loaned an electric organ and the lighting. A lumber company loaned the lumber for a platform and the volunteer fire company offered a ten-acre ball park with bleachers for the choir loft. Another fire company loaned us a hundred and fifty chairs to help make up the three hundred and fifty we needed.

The platform used in the tent meeting was once the pews in the local Roman Catholic Church. They tore the old church down and then made an altar platform from these pews. So, Leo felt right at home as he gave his testimony to our largest crowd—"From Roman Catholic Altar Boy to Gospel Singer and Preacher." Also, the testimony of the man who said, "I was raised in an Orthodox Jewish home but, praise the Lord, I found the Messiah who took away my sins and also the cigarette habit all at once." And then of the little children who came forward and said: "Pray for my father and mother that they may get saved too." "Every time my father and mother fight I cry." Another man said: "I hated that West Kittanning First Brethren Church, men would call on me and tell me I was a sinner and I needed to be saved. But I just couldn't keep away from that tent. I spent several sleepless nights over it until I gave in. Then overnight, I lost my appetite for cigarettes and now I'm witnessing to the men I work with. Some will listen and some won't.

It is a bit too early to tabulate the spiritual victories but we are praying that this will be just the beginning of a great season of harvest.

Our laymen are to be complimented for their splendid cooperation in this project.

Wm. H. Schaffer, Pastor

A New Bible Study Aid . . .

CHART OF THE PERIOD BETWEEN THE TESTAMENTS

Showing:

*Contemporary rulers of Persia, Greece, Egypt, Syria, and Rome.

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*The period of Maccabean independence.

*Relative dates of the literature of the period, including some of the Dead Sea scrolls.

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"I dare you to log accurately the time your set is on . . ."

"I WANT EQUAL TIME"



By Rev. Dean Risser

Pastor, Grace Brethren Church
Margate, Florida

The mayor was seated in his campaign headquarters with the men who were running his campaign for re-election, watching as the local TV station interviewed his opponent. The two newspapers were represented, and the four interviewers probed the man with questions about his election plans and where he stood politically.

At one point in the interview, the candidate for mayor began to tell of underhanded things the mayor was supposed to be doing, declaring that the mayor was unfit for the job because of bribes and similar misdeeds.

The mayor and his staff jumped angrily to their feet and leaped toward the telephone together. His honor himself got there first, and seizing the phone off its cradle he stabbed at the dial and waited until the voice at the other end told him he was connected with the station.

When the switchboard operator rang the station manager's office, and the manager himself was on the line, the mayor said firmly: "I have just heard what my opponent said about me over your station, and *I want equal time!*"

Although this practice of giving equal time to political opponents is common among radio and TV stations, it is not too common for a Christian to give equal time to the two elements that are struggling for his soul.

Christian friend, this is a simple appeal for you to be fair with your God and Saviour and to give Him equal time with the world. I refer especially to television, your window on the world. I am not asking that you stop watching it although that would not be out of place for us as believers who are praying for a revival in our land. Just give your Lord as much time per week as you give to television—is that fair?

I dare you to log accurately the time your set is on during the week. Keep a paper by your set (or sets) and mark down the time it is turned on and when it is turned off. Do this for a week and then total the figures.

Go a little further if you have the stomach for it. Mark down for any evening the number of times these things occur: drinking, pouring of liquor or beer (including commercials), smoking, killings, fightings, passion, necking, suggestive dress, easy love, dancing, unscriptural religion, revenge, and plain silliness.

Now take this list and declare that Jesus is pleased to have us feeding our souls on this spiritual garbage which kills our taste for the Word of God. The amount of benefit we get from TV could be had more easily, and in better quality, from some other source. No doubt there is some good in the garbage can, but who wants to go in there after it?

Do you believe Jesus Christ is returning soon? I mean, really believe it? Then how can you park for hours and taste the goodies of Sodom, knowing that the Lord has foretold its doom? "If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him."

Perhaps I have been too harsh. Go ahead and turn it on . . . but before you sit down for an evening of TV, just bow your head with those in the room and ask the Lord to bless this time together, to draw you close to the cross, and to honor the Saviour who died there. Yes; do that—if you can.

But meanwhile, make that record of time spent with television and match it against the time spent in Bible study, prayer, and witnessing. Let's at least give the Lord equal time with the world.

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EDITORIALS

By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, *President*

Construction on Schedule

After almost two and one half months, forms are being set for the pouring of concrete walls for the new dormitory. The long tedious task of running footers for the building is almost complete. To all who know the value of time in the erection of this building, the placing of the footers seemed to stretch out into an unusually long period. Such persons are usually unacquainted with all of the work that goes into the foundation.

The foundation is the part of a building that does not show, for it is covered up. But it is that part that is absolutely essential to the erection of a substantial superstructure. In this case the dormitory will be the largest building on the campus, which helped to add to the days necessary for doing a work of precision and strength. But at last this part is about complete. When this editorial comes to the reader, walls will be rising over the whole structure. It was reassuring, when the number of days given to laying the foundation became weeks and then months, to consult the architect and be told that the building was on schedule.

Fall is upon us, and in several months, temperatures may be dropping far below those of the present. In order for the progress of the building to continue at the present or slightly reduced rate, it will be necessary that temperatures remain consistently moderate throughout the winter months. It is God who controls the weather, and we are trusting that it is His will for this work to move ahead unabated. Let us pray that God will give the kind of weather that will enable this task to move on toward completion.

Investment Funds Still Needed

By the time this information reaches the reader, the amount of cash gifts and investment funds will have reached approximately $410,000. This is a reason for great encouragement, and it is our hope that this will result in renewed zeal to reach the needed amount of $650,000. Two hundred and fifty thousand yet remains to be raised by the time the building is completed, and this should be done within the next twelve months. This means that an average of $21,000 must be raised each month. Durng the months of May through July sizable sums came in, but over the last thirty days there has been a considerable drop. It will be necessary to step up the amount in order to maintain an average of $21,000 a month through the next year. Will all those who read this pray that God will lay this burden upon the hearts of His people throughout The Brethren Church.

Current Operations of the School

Enthusiasm for a building program invariably shifts attention away from current needs in any society of people. This was true with former building programs for Grace Schools, and we are aware that this trend is evident in the present building campaign. With every desire to let our many supporters know the deep gratitude we feel for the generosity they have shown toward the building program, we take this opportunity to alert our people to the need for cash gifts to carry on the current operations of the school. The largest and finest student body ever assembled on this campus is now enrolled. Very shortly after the first of the year income from tuition will be largely exhausted, and then the school will be dependent upon the gifts of God's people to carry on the next six months. Will you pray that the Lord's people will not only be burdened for the current needs of the school, but will give even more generously this year to that end. It is hoped that each donor will be careful to mark his gift for current or general expense so that it will not be diverted from the place where it is so urgently needed.

During the months of December and January, a special effort is made annually to reach the people of our denomination with information of the current needs. Even at this early date, I hope our people will be laying by in store for this ministry of giving.

Home Missions Is Now Before Us

It may sometimes appear that each organization of the Church presses its own cause before the denomination as though no other need existed. But this is not true even though it may appear that way. At this season, the home-missions needs are being displayed before the Church. This writer joins the Home Missions Council in its campaign, and he knows that he represents the entire faculty and staff of the school in calling upon people to support this cause. This is the Lord's work, and it is so essential that no other work of the denomination could exist without it. Its business is the planting of new congregations of believers all over this country. These congregations carry on the work of soul-winning within their own local communities, provide the students who come to Grace College and Grace Seminary, provide the missionaries that go to foreign lands, give the gifts that support all our works, and provide the fields for preachers of the Word. Think it over. Our denominational responsibility will enlarge in the same proportion as this important area expands. But this depends upon the gifts of God's people. Let us give.

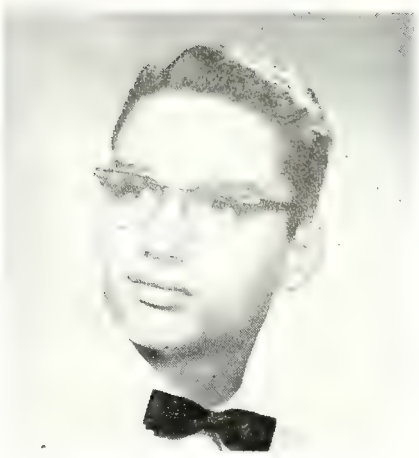
For the Time Is at Hand

These are the last words spoken to the church by our blessed Lord. In the opening words of The Revelation they appear. "Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand" (Rev. 1:3). They also appear in the closing words: "And

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Greatest Contribution

"What is the greatest contribution that Grace College is making on your life?"



BY DAVID DOMBEK
Sophomore, Grace College

This question was asked of a number of Grace College students not long ago, and their answers are revealing and encouraging.

Basically, Grace gives, as one cryptic freshman put it, "a year's education," or as another freshman stated, "spiritual growth, intellectual growth." These two words in a nutshell describe the function of Grace as a liberal arts college. Dwight Baker, a sophomore, broadens the idea a bit: "It is providing me with basic college courses taught by Christian teachers, from a Christian viewpoint."

Let us take the areas of intellectual and spiritual growth and examine what the students have to say about them. An older woman who has returned to college says, "[By] helping me, in every way, to become as good a teacher as I possibly can. At times one resents the work-load, but actually it is not excessive and is good for self-discipline!"

Self-discipline is a real part of intellectual growth as a sophomore girl states: "I feel the greatest contribution Grace College is making on my life is the responsibilities that are now up to me to take care of in my own life. At home I was pretty well sheltered by my parents; here decisions are left up to me to make whether they have to do with my studies, with my work, with my time spent in social life, and especially with my Christian responsibilities. I feel I have 'grown up' more here than ever before."

Not only *what* is taught but *how* is another factor in intellectual growth. As Tom Miller, sophomore, put it: "After having spent a year in another school and being highly dissatisfied mostly in the way certain instructors behaved, I found it to my satisfaction in having teachers, who, although they might not have all the abbreviations back of their names, are dedicated to the task to which they are called."

However, our greatest response came in the spiritual realm, as it should in a Christian college. Here are a few excerpts:

Chuck Yeager, a junior, put it: "I would say the greatest contribution Grace is making to my life is twofold: It is helping me understand what a practical Christian life is; and it is teaching me in the field God has called me."

Evelyn Brubaker, also a junior, states: "I feel that the spiritual impact of Grace has influenced me more than the academic and social aspects. Particularly the Bible and Missionary Conferences have changed my spiritual life."

Wayne Kiser, a 1962 graduate, says: "The greatest contribution Grace has made has been a new understanding of what service is."

Joyce Baker, a senior, relates: "Real fellowship and friendship with both fellows and girls who encourage each other in spiritual things and in academic life and who are genuinely interested in each other."

Another senior, Barbara Hindman, tells: "Growth is a word which describes what its contribution has been to me, and its [Grace's] guidance and help in my spiritual life are to me the best examples of spiritual growth."

But perhaps our thoughts are best expressed by our new Student Body president, Luke Kauffman, when he said: "Most of all, Grace is teaching me the meaning of being daily led by the Holy Spirit. Without this essential leading in the life of the Christian, he is left void of victorious living."

These are a few of the contributions that Grace is making to us students both in the realm of the intellectual and the spiritual. It is one thing to be able to equate X and Y in mathematics, but it is quite an other thing to equate the power of the omnipotent God with our everyday lives. But that is just what He is teaching us to do through Grace's dedicated, yielded staff. This is her greatest contribution.

COVER PHOTO—EDUCATIONAL ISSUE

"THREE PRESIDENTS"

UPPER LEFT: Rev. Paul Dick, president of the board of trustees of Grace Theological Seminary and Grace College, congratulates Dr. Herman A. Hoyt on being inaugurated as the new president of Grace Schools. Mr. Dick is pastor of the First Brethren Church of Winchester, Virginia.

LOWER RIGHT: Mr. Luke Kauffman, president of the Grace College student body pledges support to President Hoyt. Mrs. Herman Hoyt is pictured with Dr. Hoyt.

THE VICTORY OF DEFEAT

BY
DR. ALVA J. McCLAIN

President Emeritus
Grace Theological Seminary
Grace College

"And he rose up that night, and took his two wives, and his two womenservants, and his eleven sons, and passed over the ford Jabbok.
"And he took them, and sent them over the brook, and sent over that he had.
"And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day.
"And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him.
"And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me.
"And he said unto him, What is thy name And he said, Jacob.
"And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.
"And Jacob asked him, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, thy name. And he said, Wherefore is it that thou dost ask after my name? And he blessed him there.
"And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.
"And as he passed over Penuel the sun rose upon him, and he halted upon his thigh.
"Therefore the children of Israel eat not of the sinew which shrank, which is upon the hollow of the thigh, unto this day: because he touched the hollow of Jacob's thigh in the sinew that shrank" (Genesis 32:22-32).

The experience recorded in this passage is so strange and startling that some have doubted its literality. Some think it was only a vision which took place in the subjective consciousness of the patriarch. Others argue that the story is nothing but a mythological fable, having no basis in fact, but which may be used to teach a religious lesson.

As for me, I accept the story as a literal record of historical fact. There was a literal stream—the Jabbok. There was a literal man—Jacob. There was a literal angel. There was a literal conflict. But the most stubbornly literal thing of all is the "withered thigh." When the morning broke, Jacob crossed the Jabbok "limping on his thigh," a cripple, perhaps for life! Men's limbs do not wither up from seeing visions and dreaming dreams. Such things may happen in Mrs. Eddy's imaginary world, but not in the world that we know.

Something actually took place that night on the bank of the Jabbok, so literal that out of it was born an age-long custom of the Jews. "Therefore, the children of Israel eat not the sinew of the hip which is upon the hollow of the thigh, unto this day" (v. 32).

Let us not be afraid, in this day of religious agnosticism, to take our stand upon the literality of these Old Testament miracles. We may not stand with the world, but we stand with Jesus the Son of God. Yes, we stand with Paul. In I Corinthians 10 the Apostle reviews some of the great miracles of the Pentateuch, and he does not say: "These things were subjective visions and mythological fables!" No, but what does he say? Read it for yourself in the 11th verse, "All these things happened . . ., he declares, "And they are written for our admonition."

In dealing with the miraculous events of the Old Testament, we therefore have a twofold duty. First, we must accept their historicity—"All these things happened." And second, we should search out the spiritual instruction which they contain, remembering that they were "written for our admonition." What lessons then can we find in this thing which happened to Jacob?

There Is a Tragic Loneliness in All Genuine Distress

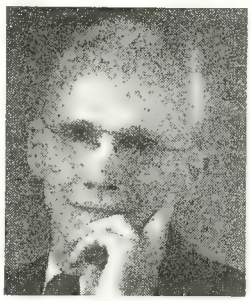
Verse 24 says that "Jacob was left alone." The man is facing a crisis in his life. Once he had wronged his brother Esau. Now he is about to meet that brother as he comes marching at the head of an armed company. What the meeting will bring forth he cannot tell. It may mean the loss of all his flocks and herds, the loss of wives and children, and even the loss of his own life. For Esau was a violent man, a man of "iron and

blood." One who reads the record of preceding events can appreciate the acute distress of Jacob as he waits in the darkness for the breaking of an unknown tomorrow. And in the midst of his distress he is "left alone."

This is the effect of all real distress. It isolates the soul from other souls. And it matters not the cause of our distress whether deserved or undeserved. The effect seems to be much the same. It may be the remorse of guilt as in the case of Cain who becomes a lonely wanderer from the face of God. Or it may be the sorrow of bereavement when like David we are shut up alone and cannot be humanly comforted. Or again it may be the anguish of some Gethsemane. There, you will remember, our Lord took three of His disciples (those who were closest to Him) that they might be with Him in that hour. Yet they failed and slept, while He prayed alone. There is almost infinite pathos in His reproach: "What! Could ye not watch with me one hour?" It is ever thus, humanly speaking. Jacob was in distress because of a guilty conscience. And in his distress he is left alone.

As I read these words, "Jacob was left alone," I cannot resist a feeling of pity for this man. Yes; I know he is guilty and wholly responsible for his situation, but I also know something of the "loneliness of suffering." And I am persuaded that everyone of you also know something about it. Perhaps it was some soul-trying experience which you could not breathe into the ear of a living soul. Or if it were something you could confide, even then you found yourself as one dwelling in a solitary place. All the sympathy of kind friends could not avail to break down the wall of solitude. Their well-meant consolations seemed "as bows drawn at a venture." You dwelt in a world of trouble and sorrow, and you dwelt alone.

But after all, in the midst of life's most difficult experiences, it is not wise to forget that our God is a God of infinite grace. It is sometimes good for us to be left alone. It was good for Jacob to be left alone. C. H. MacIntosh strikes the heart of the matter when he writes: "To be left alone with God is the only true way of arriving at a just estimate of ourselves and our ways . . . No matter what we may think about ourselves, nor yet what man may think about us, the great question is, What does God think about us? The answer to this question can only be learned when we are left alone. Away from the world, away from self, away from all the thoughts, imaginings and emotions of mere nature, and alone with God—thus, and thus only can we get a correct judgment about ourselves." So if our distress separates us from all human wisdom and help, if it leaves us alone to face a God of grace, it must be for our good.



Dr. A. J. McClain

There Is a Victory for the Child of God Which Begins in Utter Defeat

Will you try to visualize the situation in that lonely night? Jacob had cautiously divided his herds into two companies and sent them across the stream. After them, during the night he had sent his wives and children. Alone in the darkness he himself remained to think his problem through—how to appease the wrath of his wronged brother? You know that this man, like some of us, had great faith in his own schemes. Had they not always hitherto been successful? So here he is on the bank of the Jabbok, trying to scheme his way out of a dangerous predicament, when suddenly out of the night a strange figure hurls itself upon the patriarch! Whatever else his faults may have been, Jacob was no coward. Like a man he met the assault, no doubt supposing his life was at stake. He knew the desert was infested with robbers: perhaps an assassin had been sent by the hand of Esau. So there the conflict raged until the break of day.

Who was this mysterious wrestler out of the night? Verse 24 calls Him "a man." Hosea, referring to this incident, speaks of Him as "the angel" (12:4). But the complete identification is found in Genesis 32:30. When the conflict was ended, Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, "For," said he, "I have seen God face to face." Who then is this wonderful personage who is called "a man," "the angel," and "God?" In all the universe there is but one who answers to this description—the Second Person of the Triune God, the Great Angel of Jehovah, the Preincarnate Man Christ Jesus. Why is He here? Well, there is something to be done here which only God can do.

Just here I call your attention to a detail which has been overlooked by more than one expositor. Many sermons on "The Secret of Prevailing Prayer" have been preached on this text. They have told you that just as Jacob wrestled with the angel until he got the blessing, so we must "wrestle" with God until we have secured the desired blessing. Thus we get the expression, "Wrestling in prayer." Now all this simply ignores the 24th verse. Will you read it? It does not say that Jacob wrestled with a man, but that a "man wrestled with Jacob!" Jacob did not at the first throw himself on the mysterious stranger to secure a blessing, but the stranger threw himself on Jacob for some purpose, and Jacob true to his nature fought back.

I have said there was something to be done here which only God could do. Jacob was one of these masterful, self-made men with great confidence in his own ability. Thus far his scheming plans had never failed. He had contended with Esau and won.

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Over 500 in Grace Schools

GRACE SEMINARY

Dr. Homer A. Kent, Sr., Registrar

The total registration at Grace Seminary for the fall semester now stands at 102. These are all resident students. In addition there are sixteen non-resident students who are pursuing work toward Master of Religious Education or Post Graduate degrees. This makes a grand total of 118 which is a little below last fall's resident total of 123 or grand total of 136. Added to the college registration of 388, which is a new record, this makes a total of 490 students on Grace campus or 506 if the non-resident seminary students are included.

The resident enrollment breaks down as follows: Junior Class, thirty-seven; Middler Class, thirty-one; and Senior Class, twenty-two. There are four who are working on the Master of Theology (Th.M.) program, and three pursuing the Doctor of Theology (Th.D.) curriculum. In addition five are special students.

Denominationally, the Seminary student body consists of fourteen groups with the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches having the largest single group with thirty-six. Six different groups of Baptists have a total of thirty-seven. Other denominations represented are the Mennonites, Methodists, Christian and Missionary Alliance, Presbyterian, United Presbyterian, and New Dunkard Church of God. Several classify themselves as Independents, Members of IFCA (Independent Fundamental Churches of America). And a few claim no affiliation with any group. With such a variation in backgrounds, interesting viewpoints are bound to be exchanged.

Another observation from the new student body is the fact that eighty are married and twenty-two are single. The married status of so many adds a sizable group to the school family and community. Many of the wives of the seminary students have already enrolled in an evening course of study aimed to better prepare themselves for their work as pastors' wives or service on the mission field. This group is called the Seminary Women's Fellowship and works in close collaboration with the Faculty Women's Club.

The Convocation Chapel was held on Tuesday morning, September 18, in the Seminary Chapel. The faculty appeared in their academic regalia and the speaker for the occasion was Dr. Harold C. Mason, one-time president of Huntington College and later a teacher in Asbury Theological Seminary. Being now retired and residing in Winona Lake, he is teaching some courses in Grace schools in the field of Christian Education. He challenged his audience with the subject, "The Bible and Christian Education."

The Faculty Reception for the new students of the Seminary and College was held on Wednesday evening, the 19th, in the beautifully renovated Winona Hotel. This occasion witnessed to the fact that Grace schools are now launched upon a new academic year bright with promise. We covet the prayerful support of the entire Brotherhood as we carry on this ministry.

GRACE COLLEGE

Prof. Ralph Gilbert, Registrar

Grace College enters its fifteenth annual session with the largest student body in the history of the school. A total of 388 students is registered for the fall term. This compares with 362 for the fall of 1961 and 335 for the closing of the year in May 1962. This continues an uninterrupted process of steady growth from the beginning of our institution. Each year has seen a substantial increase ranging from five to fifteen percent.

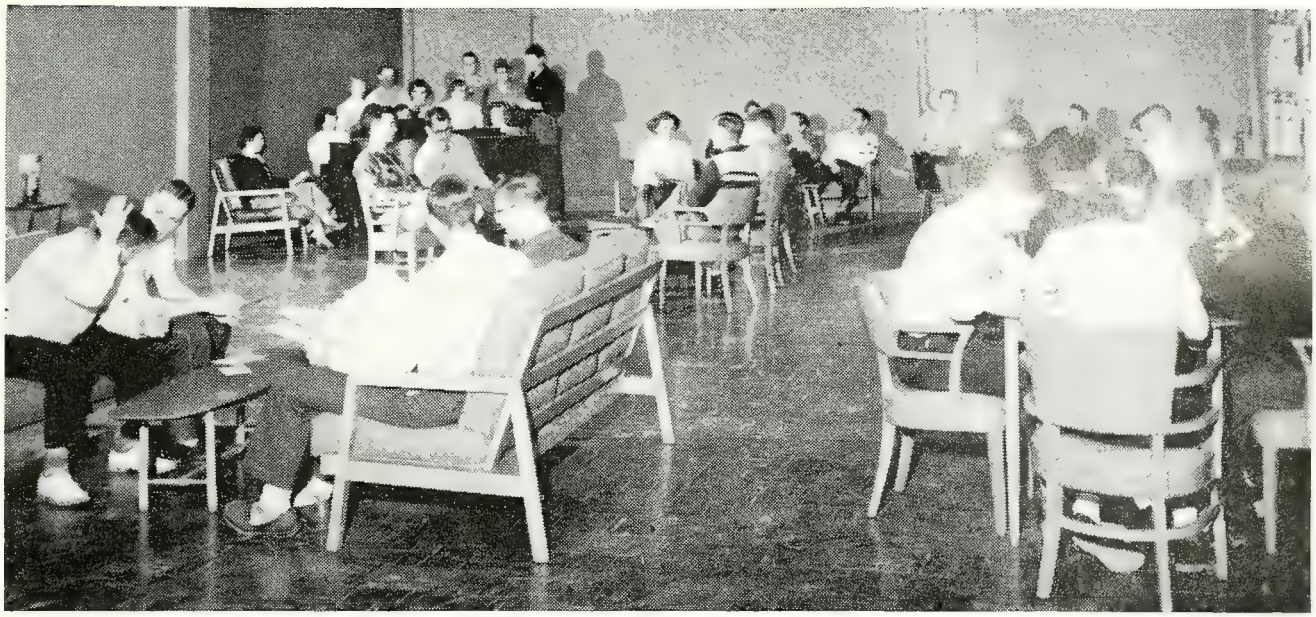
A number of factors contribute to the increasing student body. One is the excellent rate of retention, the large number of old students who return for further work. Another factor is the growing number of students who transfer from other schools. Included here are the nurses who are completing requirements for the B.S. in Nursing. Others are finishing liberal arts and education requirements after graduation from Bible schools.

Of the 388 students enrolled, 335 are full-time, a sizable increase in full-time enrollment. This full-time enrollment better indicates the solid growth of the institution than does the total figure. Women outnumber the men 227 to 167. Part of this difference may be accounted for by the large number of public schoolteachers included in the part-time students.

Denominationally the Brethren lead the list with 248 students coming from churches affiliated with the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. Of the remaining students many Protestant denominations are represented. Among these are Baptist, Presbyterian, Methodist, Free Methodist, Church of God, and others.

Our students hail from twenty-four states, the District of Columbia, and three foreign countries. Hoosiers lead the list with 145 while Ohio has eighty-three, Pennsylvania sixty-one, and Michigan seventeen. Foreign students come from Haiti, Lebanon, and England.

Prospects are good for the future enrollment at Grace College. A record number of catalogs and other information has been sent to prospective students. Response at career days and college days has been encouraging. This is all true in spite of the general decrease in the number of high-school seniors for the last few years. Grace College has enjoyed a steady increase in students even in advance of the expected jump in enrollment expected in the decade from 1963-1973.



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December 1 (Sat.) Cedarville College HERE
December 7 (Fri.) Indiana Tech. HERE
December 11 (Tues.) Concordia College (Ft. Wayne, Ind.) . THERE
December 14 (Fri.) Bethel College HERE
December 18 (Tues.) Huntington College HERE

Pastors of Brethren churches in the vicinity of these games should urge their young people to attend these games. Support the "Lancers" when they are in your area.

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Write: Film Department, Grace College, Winona Lake, Indiana

DORMITORY FUND REPORT

as of 10-1-62

RECEIPTS AND UNPAID PLEDGES

Receipts to date:		*Unpaid pledges:*	
Gifts	$ 95,175	Gifts	$ 13,589
Investments	275,810	Investments	22,575
Total Receipts	$ 370,985	Total Unpaid Pledges	$ 36,164

GOAL	**$600,000**
Total Receipts and Unpaid Pledges	407,149
BALANCE NEEDED	**$192,851**

(These figures do not include furnishings)

GIFTS TO GRACE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
September 1962

	General Fund	Building Fund
Allegheny		
Alepuo, Pa.		16.20
Grafton, W. Va.	6.00	6.00
Meyersdale, Pa.		50.00
Washington, Pa.	7.65	
East		
Altoona, Pa. (First)	16.00	
Conemaugh, Pa. (Pike)		50.00
Everett, Pa.	11.00	5.00
Kittanning, Pa. (First)	41.10	32.50
Indiana		
Berne	50.00	16.00
Fort Wayne	277.50	103.84
Leesburg	9.18	9.29
Osceol	32.00	6.00
Warsaw	80.00	
Winona Lake	28.07	
Iowa		
Dallas Center	23.00	55.00
Waterloo	230.45	49.57
Michigan		
Lake Odessa	39.50	
New Troy	43.00	16.00
Mid-Atlantic		
Hagerstown, Md. (Grace)	125.00	
Washington, D. C.	171.00	
Winchester, Va.	111.48	19.70
Seven Fountains, Va.	2.00	
Northern Atlantic		
Palmyra, Pa.	22.00	
Northern Ohio		
Homerville	6.00	
Mansfield (Grace)	273.25	60.00
Southeast		
Hollins, Va.	9.00	
Southern California and Arizona		
Anaheim, Calif.	28.00	
Inglewood, Calif.	21.00	5.00
La Verne, Calif.	10.00	
Long Beach, Calif. (First)	124.50	80.00
Whittier, Calif. (Community)	27.90	
Whittier, Calif. (First)	2.50	2.50
Southern Ohio		
Clayton	33.00	8.00
Dayton (Patterson Park)		5.00
Miscellaneous		
Isolated Brethren	2.50	2.50
Non-Brethren	30.00	102.00
Maintenance	600.00	
Totals	2,493.58	700.10
Designated Gifts:		
Kittanning, Pa.		500.00
Winona Lake, Ind.		168.28
Philadelphia, Pa. (Third)		100.00
Canton, Ohio		21.87
Seattle, Wash.		49.46
Non-Brethren		10.00
Totals		849.61

EDITORIALS . . .

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he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand" (Rev. 22:10). The major movement of prophecy in this book is contained in chapters 4 through 19, which is an expansion and an unfolding of the events of the tribulation years. This period will be initiated by the coming of the Lord for His church and will be consummated by the return of the Lord with His church. Between these two events the deepest moral and spiritual darkness ever to cover the earth will be experienced. Nineteen hundred years ago, Jesus warned His people that the time for this was at hand. If that was true then, surely it is 1900 years nearer. Could anyone doubt that events taking place today are the shadows of those things that will be ushered in by the Rapture? To this writer, it seems that God's people should be buying up every opportunity for service, lest one of these hours it be forever too late.

THE VICTORY . . .

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He had pitted his ingenuity against Laban and won. (It is an awful thing for a man to always win.) Now God will step into the arena and bring Jacob to an end of himself. God will break down his self-sufficiency forever. God will teach him the utter futility of all human cleverness and strength. God will teach him something that each one of us must learn sooner or later: "Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm . . . But blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord" (Jer. 17:5, 7).

Will you notice the method God used to bring this man to an end of himself? It is deeply instructive. Certainly, God could have conquered him in an instant of time, but He first permits Jacob to exert every ounce of his strength and cleverness. Then when Jacob begins to feel that he might actually win the contest, God puts forth a finger and with a touch paralyzes the sinew of his thigh, the very one a wrestler needs most. In that instant, I am sure, Jacob recognized the divine character of his Opponent and realizing that he can no longer contend, he begins to *cling*. At last he is in the right position, but before God could get him there, he must be crippled and rendered helpless.

How many times it is so with us. Like Jacob, we are full of the flesh, self-sufficient, proud and headstrong. We are walking in the path of our own choice when suddenly God throws himself upon us in some providential circumstance. Then, like Jacob, instead of recognizing the hand of our Lord, instead of humbly submitting to Him, we fight and contend until He must put forth His finger and paralyze the seat of our self-sufficiency. Only then, when we are shorn of strength, do we learn to cling and say: "I will not let Thee go. Other refuge have I none. Hangs my helpless soul on Thee." Jacob prevailed with God. Yes, but not by wrestling with God. He prevailed by *clinging*. Grace works when man can do no works. This is the *victory of defeat*.

There Is No Blessing for Us Until We Are Ready To Confess Our Iniquity

When the day broke, Jacob was clinging to the Man and saying: "I will not let thee go, except thou bless me." Mark well the searching response, "What is thy name?" And Jacob answered "My name is Jacob."

"My name is Jacob." Ah, what a world of iniquity was wrapped up in that name. The Hebrew proper names are often descriptive of character. Jacob means a heel-catcher, a supplanter, one who accomplishes his schemes by underhanded methods. Now do you see why God probes the man with this question: "What is thy name?" And you can see what a world of meaning there is in his answer, "My name is Jacob. I am a heel-catcher, a schemer, a cheater. I am the man who cheated his brother out of a birthright. I am the man who obtained his flocks and herds by sharp practices. My name is Jacob."

We have said many hard things about this man Jacob. I wonder how many of us can match his frank confession. When we go to our knees for some divine blessing and He probes our hearts with this question, "What is thy name?" do we face the issue and answer truthfully: My name is *pride? selfishness? deceit? slanderer?* What is thy name? Let us tell Him the truth when He asks. In all ages there is no other road to blessing. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (I John 1:9).

Now let us glance at the divine blessing. And God said: "Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel." I know that most of us perhaps have been taught that "Israel" means "prince with God." But that meaning does not reach the heart of the matter. Look at the footnote in your ASV. Israel is "God striveth." How beautiful now the change of name! Jacob the self-sufficient who strove for his own ends in his own strength now becomes Israel the chosen vessel through whom *God* will strive. Likewise, Saul the self-willed Pharisee becomes Paul the yielded instrument of God. Some day, likewise the Jews will become Israelites. But they, like us, must meet defeat. There is no other road to victory.

The Face of God Is the Place Where Life and Character Are Transformed

And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, for said he: "I have seen God face to face and my life is preserved." Peniel is the Hebrew word which means "Face of God." For Jacob saw the face of God. Yes, I know that "no man hath seen God at any time," but I know also that "the Only-Begotten Son which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him." I know that God is Invisible Spirit, but I know also that Christ is "the image of the invisible God."

There is little moral and spiritual power in the barren abstract conception of an invisible Deity. If there were, pure theism or pantheism might be sufficient. But not one of these philosophic speculations have ever proved their power to transform the lives of men. It is only when God comes down to earth and men see His face and hear His voice that they beat upon their breasts and go forth to live lives aflame with righteousness. That is why Jehovah came down in Old Testament days and appeared in human form. And that is why in New Testament days God came down and became incarnate forever in Jesus Christ. It was done in order that we who are sinners might see "the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ" and beholding that glory be changed from glory to glory into the same image. who are the greatest and holiest men of the ages? Abraham? Moses? Job? Isaiah? Daniel? John? Paul?—These are the men who have seen the face of God.

I close by asking you to note the end of the story. There are two things here God has put together—*a rising sun and a withered thigh!* It is the rising sun of a glorious day in the life of Jacob. But that new day began with a crippled thigh! Oh let us cease to complain of our infirmities and our defeats. Let us rather thank God for the withered thighs and the thorns in the flesh. "It is better to enter into life maimed and halt, than having two hands or feet to be cast into the eternal fire." *This is the victory of defeat.*

DATELINE



MEMBER EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION

NOTICE: The next issue of the *Brethren Missionary Herald* will be *The Brethren Annual*. It will be dated Oct. 27, 1962.

JOHNSTOWN, PA. The Riverside Brethren Church reports 114 in Sunday school and 124 in the morning service on Sept. 30. Francis Brill, pastor.

LA VERNE, CALIF. Guest speakers at the First Brethren Church on Sunday evenings during October were: Rev. Wayne Flory, executive field secy., Los Angeles County Christian Endeavor Union; Robert Hill, pastor of Los Altos Brethren Church; and Dr. Glenn O'Neal, executive secy., S. Calif.-Ariz. district missions. Dr. Elias White is pastor.

HEIDLEBERG, GERMANY. The wife of Brethren Chaplain Lee Burris underwent major surgery in a hospital here on Sept. 10. She is reported to be improving satisfactorily.

JOHNSTOWN, PA. Thirty-one decisions were recorded at the Geistown Grace Brethren Church on Sunday morning, Sept. 30. Pastor Randy Poyner reports that ten were for salvation, and twenty-one for rededication and reconsecration.

INDIO, CALIF. Russell Konves, formerly pastor of the Listie Brethren Church, Listie, Pa., conducted his first services here on Oct. 7 at the new Brethren work which is temporarily meeting in a school building.

GLENDORA, CALIF. Pat Doney is now serving as pastor of the Grace Brethren Church here.

SUMMIT HILLS, PUERTO RICO. Clyde Landrum and Herman Schumacher, Brethren Foreign Missions representatives from Indiana, gave their testimonies in the Grace Brethren Bible Church here on a Sunday evening in September. Maxwell Brenneman, pastor.

ALTO, MICH. The congregation of the Calvary Brethren Church surprised the pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Flowers, on their 22nd wedding anniversary with a carry-in dinner following the morning worship service. A gift of money and a beautifully decorated cake were presented to the pastor and wife at the dinner. A special harvest Sunday was celebrated by the church on Oct. 14. At the afternoon services the Crystalairs quartet, Crystal, Mich., provided a musical program.

WINONA LAKE, IND. Dr. Floyd Taber, missionary doctor on furlough from the Central African Republic, underwent facial plastic surgery in Fort Wayne, Ind., Oct. 3. He is reported to be making satisfactory recovery.

FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA. Don Wall, who for almost 15 years was organist and executive secretary at Bethany Presbyterian Church, has joined the staff of Grace Brethren Church as organist and assistant to the pastor. Don is considered one of the finest gospel organists in south Florida. Ralph Colburn is pastor.

SUNNYSIDE, WASH. The First Brethren Church witnessed 55 decisions for Christ on Sept. 16. These were young people determined to take a stand for Christ during this school year. Leslie Moore, pastor.

HAGERSTOWN, MD. The Couriers Quartet presented an evening of music at Gay Street Brethren Church, William E. Howard, pastor. There were 203 people in attendance.

WOOSTER, OHIO. A Gideon rally was held at First Brethren Church on Sept. 30. Pat Zondervan, a Christian publisher, Grand Rapids, Mich., was the guest speaker. Kenneth Ashman, pastor.

PHILADELPHIA, PA. Bill Drury, director of Youtharama, gave a report on the Eighth World's Communist Youth Festival at First Brethren Church on Oct. 7. Robert Kern, pastor.

WASHINGTON, D. C. The congregation of The Grace Brethren Church of Greater Washington, James Dixon, pastor, voted unanimously on Sept. 23 to purchase four and a half acres of property on St. Barnabas Rd. for $38,000.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Robert Williams, Africa
Robert Whited, North English, Iowa
Elias White, La Verne, Calif.
John Whitcomb, Jr., Winona Lake, Ind.
Glen Welborn, Leon, Iowa
Scott Weaver, Osceola, Ind.

WHITTIER, CALIF. The Men's Fellowship of the Community Brethren Church met on Oct. 22 with Dr. Joseph Akers, a prominent Whittier physician, as guest speaker. The theme of the evening was Professional Night. A soul-winning clinic will be conducted at the church during Oct. 28-31. Ward Miller, pastor.

FREMONT, OHIO. Apparently vandals have broken in the Brethren chapel. Police were unable to find any fingerprints. Some books from Granville Tucker's study, Sunday-school supplies, towels used for Communion services, a set of phonograph records, and some Sunday school and church records were stolen. Other supplies and materials were scattered all over the church.

WINCHESTER, VA. Paul Dick, pastor of the First Brethren Church, began his twenty-second year of ministry in this church on Oct. 21.

ANKENYTOWN, OHIO. The First Brethren Church, Howard Snively, pastor, conducted homecoming services on Oct. 7. A carry-in dinner was enjoyed following the morning worship service. Richard E. Grant, editor of the *Brethren Missionary Herald*, was the guest speaker at the afternoon and evening services.

MIDDLEBRANCH, OHIO. The First Brethren Church, Wesley Haller, pastor, reports 224 in attendance at the Sunday-school promotion exercises on Sept. 30.

FORT WAYNE, IND. Tom Julien, Brethren missionary on furlough from France, will be guest speaker at the fifth anniversary service of Grace Brethren Church on Oct. 21. Glen Crabb is pastor.

How To Find Those Lost Ideas

BY JOSEPH T. BAYLY

Windward Press

Dr. V. Raymond Edman, Wheaton College president, was speaking at a conference for Christian writers. "I wonder how many great ideas have been lost," he said, "because they were never written down."

God moved holy men of old to write down the Scriptures, the bedrock upon which all other Christian writing rests. He moved Martin Luther to write down the ninety-five Theses. He moved the Puritans to write down doctrine, C. H. Spurgeon, Andrew Murray, and F. B. Meyer to write down devotion, Schaff to write down history.

All the while, men were preaching. But it was not enough. A voice might stir men to act; writing kept the preacher from forgetting what God wanted him to say. A voice could be silenced by a tyrant's sword—clay tablet, scroll, papyrus, the typeset page—these were more durable than sword or tyrant.

How many voices were raised in sixteenth century pulpits against papal corruptions we do not know. But we do know that it was those writings of Luther, nailed to the church door and circulated throughout Europe, that kindled the Reformation. Once written, ideas resist being pushed into a corner and forgotten.

God still moves men to write.

The periodical you are reading at this moment is an attempt to convey that divine movement. Modern manufacturing and distribution techniques thrust these pages from an editor's desk across a city, a prairie, a mountain, an ocean soon to be read by people throughout the world.

But there's another side to it.

I wonder how many great ideas have been lost, even though written, because people didn't read them! How many homes are without Christian reading matter? How many children, even in Christian homes, grow up in an environment that includes, *Life, Newsweek, McCall's,* the *Post*—but no Christian periodical?

An editor who's worth his salt isn't satisfied with a circulation of ten thousand if twenty thousand people might be reading his magazine. But how can he gain those added readers?

That's where you come in. If this periodical is helpful to you and your family, if it gives you fresh ideas and information and enthusiasm for spiritual matters, then you ought to be working on your friends to subscribe. You ought to be giving subscriptions on birthdays, wedding days, other special days. You ought to be trying to get your church sold on a *Brethren Missionary Herald* campaign.

And there's another reason you ought to be working to increase the circulation of this magazine. That is the economic squeeze that confronts those who produce magazines today. Almost every worthwhile periodical (secular as well as Christian) is up against a struggle to make ends meet. Subscription sales and advertising revenues are just not enough to pay expenses. Some Christian magazines are subsidized—as Martin Luther's writings during parts of his life, and the publications of the Wesley Movement were subsidized—to close the financial gap.

Such subsidies, direct and indirect, will probably continue to be necessary for most of our Christian magazines. Editors and readers are thankful for denominations and organizations and individuals who provide them.

But these subsidies will be kept at a minimum, if not altogether removed, by an increase in the number of subscribers. So get on the phone, write some letters, visit some friends, and communicate to them your enthusiasm for this periodical.

In the past, Christian writing has outlasted the tyrant's sword. Today it may prevent such a sword from being forged.

THIS MONTH
October 1-31



We join with other member periodicals of the Evangelical Press Association in recognition of . . .

PROTESTANT PRESS MONTH

ENDS EARTHLY PILGRIMAGE

Notices of death appearing in this column must be sumbitted in writing by a pastor.

BROCAL, Fred, honorary deacon and charter member of the Grace Brethren Church, San Bernardino, Calif., went to be with his Lord on Sept. 28.

Emlyn Jones, pastor.

STUBER, John Wesley, aged 63, father of J. Worl Stuber, prof. at Grace College, went to be with the Lord Oct. 2. He was a faithful mem ber and founding father of the Peru Brethren Church, Peru, Ind.

—John Evans, pastor.

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 30 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Waterloo, Iowa	Oct. 23-Nov. 4	John Aeby	Dean Fetterhoff
Barberton, Ohio	Oct. 24-Nov. 4	R. Wm. Markley	Curt Emmons
York, Pa.	Oct. 24-Nov. 4	Herman Koontz	Hammontree & Beckwith
Waynesboro, Pa.	Oct. 29-Nov. 4	Robert Crees	Redd Harper
Aleppo, Pa.	Oct. 31-Nov. 11	W. Wayne Bale	B. Schneider



Left to right: Mr. Jack Hyle, Mrs. Ed Lewis, Eddie Lewis, Pastor Ed Lewis, and Glenn Herr.



General scene at the dinner.

Palmyra, Pennsylvania Honors New Pastor

On Saturday, Sept. 22, the Grace Brethren church, surprised their pastor with a "Fall Round-Up" dinner, at which time they presented him and his family with a cake, decorated and worded "Welcome Lewis's." Then they gave them an F.M. and A.M. radio as a gift from the church. The proceedings were in charge of one of the classes. It was a "carry-in" meal and there was more than sufficient food for the occasion.

NEW BOOKS

All books reviewed on these pages may be purchased from the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, Box 544, Winona Lake, Indiana. Postage is paid.

COME WIND COME WEATHER By Leslie T. Lyall–Moody Press. 1961. $2. The one aim of this book is "to set out in an unbiased documentary manner the way in which the Communist government has handled the Protestant church in China." Here you will find no lurid telling of horror stories, nor yet an ideological diatribe. Yet from personal experience and collating of vital news items the author has made the picture sharp and clear. The thoughtful reader will find between the lines more than a record of what has happened in China: he will see the world-designs of those who would hold down the truth in unrighteousness and will be fairly warned of what to expect if ever he finds himself in the same plight as the Chinese Christian of today.

REFUGEE By Donald E. Hoke, Paul B. Peterson, LaVerne Donaldson. Moody Press. 1962. $3.50.

Refugees! Who are they? Where are they? Well, they are a multitude in Hong Kong, Berlin, Transjordan, Arabia, and, closer home, they are coming to the United States from Cuba. Unrest, greed for power, international politics are increasing the refugee problem.

Although the future is unknown, it is important that Christians become personally aware, yes, concerned, about the spiritual need of these millions without earthly possessions and existing nigh to starvation or on the barest minimum allowance. This book will grip you—it will make you think! Read it!

THE STAR OVER THE KREMLIN by William P. Strube, Jr. Baker Book House. 1962. $1.95. Many books are designed for students. This study manual is intended for the masses as well. The presentation is clear, understandable, and challenging. It is particularly useful for group study.

An intelligent understanding of communism in relation to Christianity is the only road to effective opposition to that diabolical threat to the liberty which we have in Christ.

THE GLORIES OF OUR LORD by H. C. Hewlett. Moody Press. 1962. $2.50.

That unveilings of the glories of our Lord are for us, as well as for apostles, is evident from a reading of this book.

The Scriptural accuracy, scope, and spiritual insights of this book will appeal to the thoughtful mind; but more, its presentation of the glories of our Lord will move the heart to kneel with the Apostle Thomas and exclaim, "My Lord and my God!" Could any book do more?

GENESIS AND EVOLUTION by M. R. DeHaan. Zondervan. 1962. $2.50. Dr. DeHaan asserts that one's attitude toward Genesis 1:1 is a true test of his faith in the rest of the Scriptures. Is this record of creation fact, or is it fiction and fable? Upon your answer to this question hinges all other answers pertaining to the problems of death, sin, redemption, heaven, and hell.

In this study, Dr. DeHaan does not set out to quarrel with science. Indeed, he points out that there can be no conflict between *true* science and the *correct* interpretation of Scripture, for God is the Author of true science.

Dr. DeHaan develops his case logically and simply, marshalling his forces solidly behind a true Biblical interpretation of the first three chapters of Genesis. He exposes the false tenets of the evolutionary theory to the merciless light of the facts, pro-

viding revitalizing reassurance to God's people and thought-provoking conclusions to the unbeliever.

ISRAEL IN PROPHECY by John F. Walvoord. Zondervan. 1962. $2.50.

A key to a proper understanding of prophecy is to realize the part that Israel plays in the prophetic picture. Logically and Scripturally, Dr. Walvoord examines Israel in the light of prophecy. This book covers the major prophecies relating to Israel as a nation and its obvious place in Biblical theology as a whole. Throughout, the pre-millennial aspect of the Lord's return is brought into clear relief, based upon the unconditional fulfillment of the Abrahamic covenant promise to the elect nation of Israel. The author's recent visit to the holy land, where the people of the land are again the recognized nation of Israel, furnished interesting sidelights of unique interest pertinent to the subject under discussion.

EXILE AND RETURN by Charles F. Pfeiffer. Baker Book House. 1962. $3.50. This book is for the student, pastor, and teacher. It is eminently suited for classroom use, but is equally useful for the reference shelf in the pastor's and teacher's study.

This book is concerned with the religious, cultural, and political life of Exilic and post-Exilic Judaism. This history extends from Nebuchadnezzer whose armies brought the First Jewish Commonwealth to an end, to Nehemiah whose leadership in rebuilding the walls of the restored city injected a new spirit of enterprise among the Jews of his day.

THE MODERNS by William C. Fletcher. Zondervan. 1962. $3. This book is not presented as a complete and exhaustive treatment of modern theology, but rather as an introduction to a complex area of study. The author has selected theologians who represent significant trends in recent theology, rather than including theologians merely on the basis of their current (or past) popularity.

The primary purpose of the book is to present each theological system vividly and cogently in terms accurate enough to encourage critical evaluation of the system on the part of the reader.

The Moderns is written from the standpoint of conservative, Bible-believing Christianity to help the already well-grounded Christian to become sufficiently conversant with the various theological options on the current scene.

BREAD FOR EACH DAY by M. R. DeHaan and H. G. Bosch. Zondervan. 1962. $3.

Daily devotional readings serve several purposes in the life of the healthy Christian, but in no sense should they be used as a substitute for the Christian's own Bible study and meditation. The authors of this sparkling collection of devotional gems are well aware of the Christian's daily need for Bible study, and in every instance recommend the reading of a sizable portion of Scripture along with these meditations.

The reader will find challenge as well as comfort, information as well as inspiration, in these pages. He will be stimulated to a closer walk with God and a greater dependence upon the Heavenly Father in his daily life.

HAPPY MOMENTS WITH GOD by Margaret Anderson. Zondervan. 1962. $2.95.

One of the most rewarding projects for Christian families is the establishment and carrying on of a planned family altar at some set period every day. The time and features of such a period may vary from family to family, but the need is constant and continuing.

Every Christian family will find *Happy Moments with God* a helpful guide to a more meaningful family altar, a volume which will make the family worship period a happy time, anticipated by every member of the family, young and old alike.

ROMANISM in the Light of Scripture by J. Dwight Pentecost. Moody Press. 1962. $2.50. There is an appalling lack of knowledge of both the doctrines and the ambitions of the Roman system. Because of this, many believers have no insight into the significance of many current events, nor an answer to the doctrinal errors of Romanism.

In this volume, two studies are devoted to the goals and ambitions of Rome: "Is Rome a Church or a State?" and "What If the Vatican Controls the White House?" The purpose of these is to acquaint the reader with the political and ecclesiastical goals of Romanism. Five studies are devoted to a Scriptural consideration of doctrinal questions: "Is Mary the Mother of God?" "Is Mary Co-Redemptrix?" "Was Peter the First Pope?" "Is Salvation by Works or Faith?" "Is There a Purgatory?" In each of these areas the teaching of Rome is contrasted with the authoritative teaching of Scripture. The purpose of these studies is to ground the reader in the teaching of the Word and to give a Scriptural answer to the false teaching of Romanism.

IF WITH ALL YOUR HEART by Roy O. McClain. Revell. 1962. $3. What happens in life if one's whole heart is invested: What are the results if with all your heart you work . . . live . . . pray . . . dream . . . wonder?

In words pulsating with militant concern and open censure, Roy O. McClain explicitly defines in these brisk, compelling messages the dynamic potential of activated faith.

Ready relation of the gospel message to the diversified problems and challenges of today distinguish this sensitive, polished, and provocative presentation.

A stirring pronouncement that the Christian's goal is not a stagnant sterility of peace of mind, but rather, the art of living zestfully, unapologetically and with an enthusiasm which does not deny anxiety but conquers it.

A FAITH FOR MODERN MAN by Don Brandeis. Baker Book House. 1961. $2.95. *A Faith for Modern Man* is a handbook of faith aimed at seeing things from the standpoint of God's truth as revealed through Jesus the Christ. This little treatise will help those who need to be established in the faith. It is a very clear and concise treatise on the theology of redempti

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OUTMODED IGNORANCE

Ignorance is out of date.

Life is dynamic and demanding, and rightly so. Our scientific and social climate insists on a knowledgeable awareness and sensitivity to the pace and needs of living a day-at-a-time effectively. We have come from "around the world in eighty days" to around the world in less than 120 minutes. No longer can we be oblivious to the feelings, the culture, the needs of any people anywhere. There is much that we must know, and we *must know it now.*

This is possible, and the prospect is exciting when viewed properly. The most effective means for acquiring information and knowledge is in reading good books. Far too many Christians have adopted the attitude that reading is not an essential discipline of life. As a matter of fact, more good books are available today than ever before, but the art and joy of reading is known by comparatively few. It is estimated that one-half of the homes in America have fewer than fifty books and three-quarters have fewer than one hundred books.

Our hearts and our dollars have gone out to people across the world as they have valiantly struggled against illiteracy and ignorance. We consider life tragic for the "poor illiterate people of the world" who have never learned to read but *the net result is the same for those of us who know how to read and don't.*

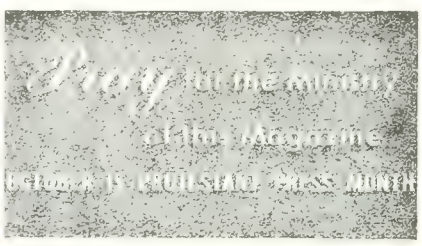
It's somewhat awesome to realize that most of us live at only about 10 percent of our capacity. In other words God has given us the ability to be 90 percent more effective than we are. This accounts for that "something" within each of us that strives for personal achievement . . . and unless satisfying progress is made, we become frustrated and at odds with life. We continually strain for knowledge and an understanding of ourselves and our world. Books are the means that make this possible. Reading is a creative art that enables us to "live life at the center of the page and not on the margins"—to represent Christ in a dynamic fashion. *Reading is one of the greatest talents God has given us.*

Why is this so?

First, what we read affects what we think. The science of psychology has made us aware of the fact that in addition to our conscious thought processes, we also have a sub-conscious mind. This is our data receiving and processing station. It does not think or create for itself, and yet it tends to govern our behavior more than our conscious mind. Our sub-conscious mind registers eternally every thought that passes through our consciousness. It may be likened to an electronic data computer that accumulates every bit of data that is fed into it and then feeds it back on demand.

This simply means that as we read we are feeding information into our sub-conscious minds that *is never lost.*

The knowledge that "what we read affects what we think" is particularly frightening when we see children feeding their sub-conscious with comics, with our young people bloating their minds with sex-satiated slicks, and adults passively absorbing trivia. Remember, words have energy, and energy produces action.



Second, what we read determines what we are. One clever writer tells us that through the medium of good books we are enabled to converse with the wise and great of all ages. "Books are boats loaded with a cargo of ideas." All that mankind has ever thought or accomplished is preserved in the pages of books, therefore, the person who acquires the habit of intelligent reading invariably gets more out of life."

Third, we become like what we read. "We are made or marred by the company we keep—whether that company consists of men or books." An exposure to the great cultural and spiritual masterpieces of literature inevitably shapes our thoughts and actions to their likeness.

One of the primary responsibilities of Christians today is to communicate the Gospel. To do this demands insight, knowledge, awareness. Books are tools that will open up these new worlds for effective and fruitful living.

What we read (or do not read) has direct effect on what we think, what we are, what we will become. Christian books and magazines can be a ladder leading up—out of the rut of indifference to a peak of spiritual perception and concern. A reading schedule of only fifteen minutes a day will make it possible for you to complete twenty-five books a year—a proved antidote for "outmoded ignorance."

LAYMEN'S PAGE

THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN LAYMEN

COMPILED BY KENNETH E. HERMAN



KEEP THE THERMOMETERS RISING!

Has your local laymen's group voted to assist in these projects?

1962-1963 GOALS AND PROJECTS

GOALS: To encourage—

1. The daily reading, studying, and distribution of the Book of books, the Bible.
2. Witnessing for Christ, our Saviour, through personal visitation, evangelistic rallies, and tract distribution.
3. The wholehearted support of our local church and its pastor, as well as our district and national boards.
4. The formation of local and district laymen's organizations and boy's clubs.

PROJECTS:

1. For scholarship fund	$2,000.00	(See note A)
2. Board of Evangelism	3,500.00	
3. General Fund	1,000.00	
4. Grace College Scholarships	362.18	(See note B)

A. This is toward the balance of $6,619.47 still due to complete our $10,000.00 scholarship fund.
B. As listed in the Grace College catalog, we provide five $100 scholarships each year. Interest from the money on deposit has totaled $137.82 to date, leaving a balance of $362.18 yet to be raised.

The thermometers on the left show the progress since August 1 in meeting two of our goals. Won't you and your laymen's group help us meet these and the other two projects? Send your offerings to Mr. Ben Zimmerman, R.R. 1, Warsaw, Indiana.

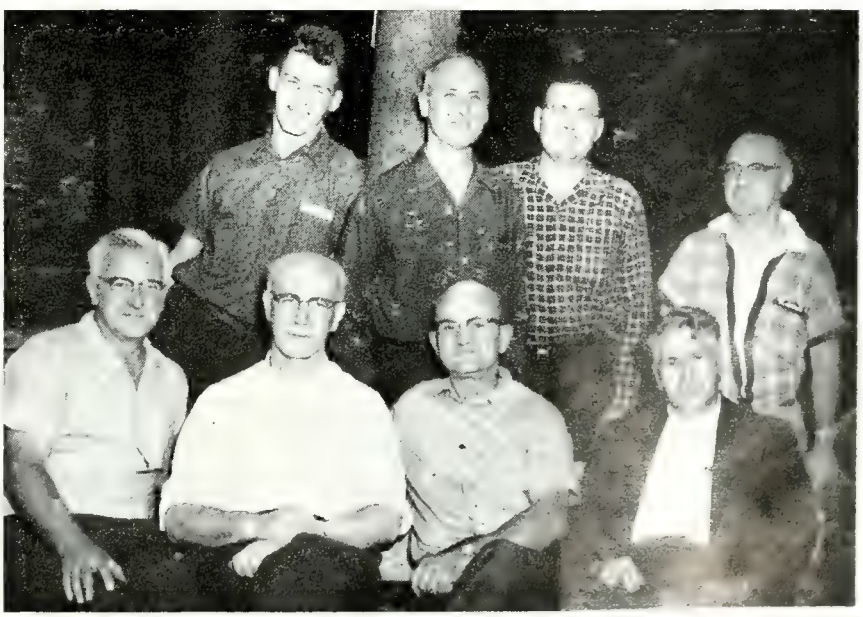
District Retreat a "Record Breaker"

The annual fall retreat of the Northern Atlantic district laymen was held at camp Mount Lou San in the blue mountains near Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. It was a "record breaking" retreat in that every pastor and a representative layman from each church in the district was present. The Palmyra church was host for the retreat, and the WMC ladies kept the men well supplied with food.

Speakers included Jeremiah Kauffman from Palmyra; Dr. Floyd Taber, Brethren missionary currently on furlough; Lloyd Herr, also from Palmyra; and Rev. William Hagen, the director of Camp Mount Lou San.

Special music for the retreat was provided by a quartet from the Hatboro church and the Clarence Nye family from the Palmyra church.

The Lancaster, Pennsylvania laymen invited the district to their church for the January meeting.



Pictured at the Northern Atlantic district retreat from the left, seated: William Hetrick, Hatboro; James Ballantine, Philadelphia; John Kauffman, Harrisburg; D. Paul Orcutto, Allentown. Standing, left to right, Joseph Stanke, Lancaster; Lloyd Herr, Palmyra; James Knepper, (National Laymen's vice-president) York; and Ken Kobler (National Laymen's president) of Philadelphia. (Photo by Allen Zook)

Let's Talk SUNDAY SCHOOL

By Dr. Harold H. Etling
Director, National Sunday School Board

NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD SHARES A LETTER

Dr. Harold Etling
National Sunday School Board
Dear Dr. Etling:

In just a few short months, if the Lord should permit, I will complete twenty-two years as superintendent of the Listie Brethren Sunday School. It has been a great privilege and one of many blessings. Surely the Lord has been good.

In the past, our Sunday school had very limited class facilities. In fact, most classes met in the church auditorium, and a few met in part of the basement. There were no standard lessons, and no age groups. But as years passed, and pastors came and then went on to other fields, we saw a steady growth. Badly needed class space took form, and at present, we have classes that meet the needs of almost all grades. Yet there is need for more space that we might have smaller classes to be taught more effectively.

The church at Listie has many rural folk attending. In fact, the larger part of our membership live from five to fifteen miles from our church. In spite of this, our Sunday school's average attendance is about 179, with 220 enrolled. More than 60 percent of our teachers and officers are in the group that live at varied distances from Listie. This causes difficulties in holding workers conferences and teacher training, the latter being partly solved by having an associate teacher for each class. These associates teach one Sunday per month, and sit in the class the rest of the Sundays. Thus, they are learning to teach. This has been truly helpful and very rarely is a class without a teacher who is prepared.

For a good many years we have used all materials supplied through our Brethren Missionary Herald Company, and have supported the work of the National Sunday School Board both in prayer and financially. It has richly blessed our hearts to see the great gains made in our total Sunday-school program, and yet there is much to pray for and work for. In my favorite verse, I John 4:11 it says: "If God so loved us, we ought to love one another." If we truly have this love in our hearts, then we shall always be moving forward in a program that will bring honor to His precious name. Oh, how much He cared. Yes, enough to die that all who truly believe may be saved for all eternity.

Russell Beech, Superintendent
Listie Brethren Sunday School

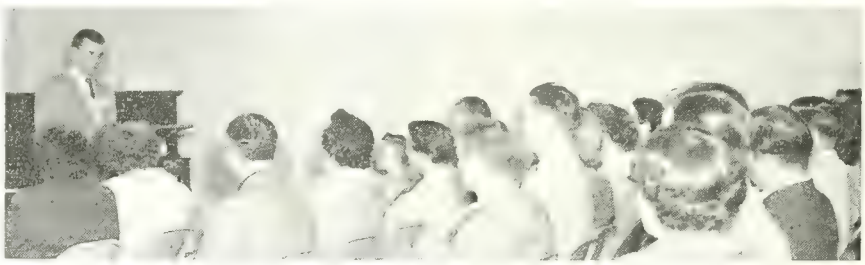
A WORD OF COMMENDATION

The National Sunday School Board rejoices in the fact that God has given to our brother Beech the privilege of serving through these many years. He has served faithfully, and well. What a record!

We can only say that we are happy for this fine record, and would in the best way we know how, send our congratulations in this public manner.

Do you grow weary in well doing Mr. Superintendent? Does the routine of teaching a class year after year cause you to lose vision, Mr. Sunday school teacher?

We must double in this decade—but to do so will demand more faithfulness on the part of everyone of us who are His co-laborers.



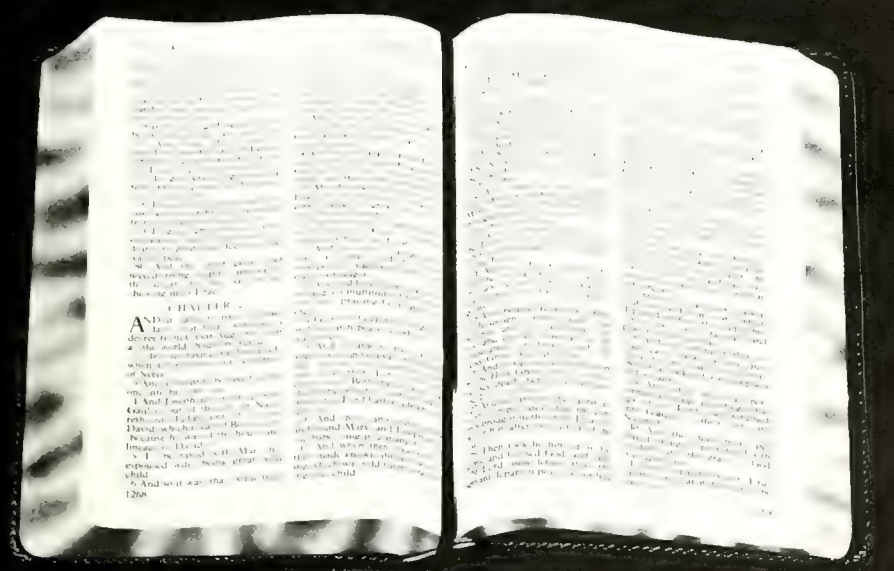
America's Most Important People

The first week of October is annually set aside as National Sunday School Week. We take this opportunity to say "Hat's off to America's most important people." Only eternity will reveal the contribution that the Sunday school teachers of America have made to our land. Like so many of the things that we freely enjoy, Sunday school is so much a part of our land that we take it for granted. Sunday school teachers face their classes every Sunday to faithfully proclaim the Word of God. For many of every age, this is the only Bible instruction they receive in the week. The Sunday school teachers of our land form the greatest nucleus of evangelists in the world. The Sunday school teachers are the greatest work force of any educational institution in the World.

Our hats are off, and our hearts are made to rejoice in thanksgiving to this great host of men and women that God has raised up for the spiritual and moral blessing to America.

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"WATCH YE . . . STAND FAST . . . BE STRONG!"

I Corinthians 16:13-14; Revelation 1—3; Hebrews 1:1-4

MODERATOR'S ADDRESS *BY JOHN M. AEBY*

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ ve welcome you, the members, ministers, lelegates, and friends of our Brethren congregations and mission fields to the 73rd Annual Conference of our National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. We are assembled by the grace of God in hese familiar and beautiful surroundngs. May these be days of precious felowship among us, enlarged vision of he harvest fields before us, and increased appreciation of the responsibilities and privileges our Lord has given us. Above all, may these be days of leepened dedication to Him who has bought us with His own blood, bound us o Him by His Holy Spirit, and blessed us with every spiritual blessing in heavenly places in Christ!

Let us thank God for choosing us n Christ and placing us as sons in His amily redeemed through the blood of Christ. Let us be glad that He has brought us into the fellowship of the Brethren with whom we are identified here tonight. I have always been. But n the year since last we met "On the Rock" in the Rockies I have been given a greater appreciation and love or my Brethren. I have talked with nany, corresponded with a number, and prayed for you all by pastor and church, nissionary and field, professor and class, worker and work. As a result of both blessing and burden, which I have received in my not too faithful intercession, I want to make my first recommendation before I begin my formal address. I encourage you to take your Brethren Annual at your earliest convenience, and, after saturating your heart with Paul's prayers for the believers in Ephesians 1 and 3 and Colossians 1, ask the Lord to give you a plan of prayer ministry for our total brotherhood. Then carefully read your Herald and prayer letters regularly to watch for answers to prayer and additional requests. And bathe this all in thanksgiving.

INTRODUCTION:—I thank you and the Lord for this once-in-a lifetime privilege of being moderator of our NFBC. I thank our Executive Committee for their excellent planning of the spiritual and inspirational sessions which await us. And, since the Word says, "In everything give thanks," I even thank them for the formidable agenda of the many items of business with which they have confronted us. I thank them for the timely theme which they have chosen to alert, challenge, and inspire us. Personally, I thank them for the homiletical gem they have handed me. I have a ready-made three point outline: (1) "Watch Ye!" (2) "Stand Fast!" (3) "Be Strong!" Actually there are four points in the text. But they have given it the customary "Third stanza" treatment and omitted point (3) from my portion and given it to my good friend and brother, Dean Fetterhoff, for the closing message.

Good homiletical counsel says that proper treatment of a text should do several things, such as Get the attention, Impart information, Explain the

hearer's involvment, and Arouse to action. Every part of this theme, "Watch Ye . . . Stand Fast . . . Be Strong!" is addressed to YOU in the second person plural. Every statement is a command. And every command calls for action! The Committee at least has done its part well. The text from which our theme is taken is found in I Corinthians 16:13 and 14. In the New English Bible it reads: "Be alert; stand firm in the faith; be valiant and strong. Let all you do be done in love."

In His last hours with His disciples, our Lord told them: "I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth" (John 16:12-13). Paul says that his epistles were given him by the Lord and that the words were not originated by him, but by the Holy Spirit (I Cor. 2:12-13). This letter is addressed not only to the church at Corinth, but also to "all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord" (I Cor. 1:2). Thus they are to us.

"WATCH YE!"

Our Lord commands us to be on the constant alert for any attack from three foes: the world, the flesh, and the Devil.

"Watch ye" means "To wake up, be watchful, vigilant." To the soldier it would be the command of his superior officer, "Attention!" To the sentinel it would be, "On guard!" To the Christian it means: "Wake up . . . and stay awake! Keep on the lookout!" This is a perpetual alert.

It has been said: Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." It is still true. The Bible contains many spiritual alerts. It exhorts us to be aware of God's will and to beware of every foe that would turn us away from knowing and obeying it.

Regarding the philosophy of this world we are warned: "Beware lest anyone makes a prey or spoil of you through the love of this world's wisdom and empty deceit . . . which is not according to Christ" (Col. 2:8).

The wisdom of this world has always been opposed to the wisdom of God. In our day there has been a speeding up in transportation and communication, a multiplying of the sciences and the products of human inventive genius and manufacture. Just so there has been a stepping up of Satan's attack on the Word of God. The Word has not been shaken. But many preachers have been intellectually cowed into compromise, silence, or surrender because they have preferred the plaudits of men to the praise of God. And many inquirers, particularly among our youth, have become victims of science falsely so-called and the awe-inspiring display of vaunted wisdom, which God has pronounced foolishness.

One of the magic words in the philosophy of our day is "relevant." In psychology another is "adjustment." We are repeatedly told that if the Christian faith is to survive along with those of us who hold it, we must "relate" our message more to the prevailing winds of contemporary thought. We must also "adjust" our personal lives and concede the right of our people to conform to the present crumbling moral and spiritual standards. For more than twenty-five years I have studied the Word of God, and some of the world's wisdom with observation of its effects. After considerable prayer and pastoral and teaching ministry, it is the conviction of your moderator that the course of contemporary thought is delusive, dangerous, and doomed to destruction.

The only way to evaluate the days in which we live, the church and its life and ministry, is to "Awake to righteousness, and sin not" (I Cor. 15:34). We need to see the world as it is and not as visionaries imagine it. Too many interpreters of our times are in total dark-

ness because they ignore the Word of God. The psalmist affirms: "The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple" (Ps. 119:130). Our Lord declares: "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life" (John 8:12). The ones really awake today are those receiving the Word of the Lord and walking with the Lord of the Word. Many modern prophets today see the church only as a building, a congregation, a denomination, or a federation. Many conceive of Christ in terms of sacred art—a babe in the virgin's arms —a broken, bleeding form hanging on a wooden cross—as a kind looking man playing with children. (Some denominational Sunday-school literature made news a while back by dressing Him in Bermuda shorts!) While Rome keeps Christ impaled to a crucifix, much of Protestantism imprisons Him within the church. Both would control and dispense Him at their discretion. According to the Scripture read earlier, years after Christ's passion and ascension, John heard Him speak. Turning to see the One speaking, he momentarily saw seven golden lampstands. In the midst he beheld the Lord of glory. It caused the disciple, who was most intimate with the Lord during His earthly ministry before the cross, to fall at His feet as one dead. He saw the Lord Jesus Christ as He appears today with His glory restored which He had with the Father before the world was. The churches of our day, the churches of our Fellowship, need to behold Him as the Chief Shepherd of the churches in sovereign control and scrutinizing supervision of every local church. He gives His final words to the churches in chapters 2 and 3. He unveils himself as the Lord and Judge of the nations that reject Him in chapters 6 through 19 with a preview of heavenly worship accorded Him in chapters 4 and 5. He ushers in everlasting righteousness in the balance of the book.

It is not our business to adapt Christ, His teaching and example, to the present day and thus try to keep Him palatable to the world. He is "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever" (Heb. 13:8). All He ever was He is! And all that He is He will continue to be as long as the future unfolds.

The world and the worldly church regard us—if, indeed, they regard us at all—as so occupied with the Christ of history that we are out of touch with life in the present. If ours is simply an academic belief in the Christ of the past, and not a vital experience with the living Christ of the present, there is some justification for this criticism. But the fact is that "the faith once committed to the saints" is the only message truly "relevant" to the need of the people of this sin-crazed, power-mad world in which we live. Further, the born-again, Bible-taught, spirit-filled believer is the only person who really knows where he came from, why he is here and where he is headed. He alone has any lasting joy while he is on his way. John's first epistle tells us, "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith" (I John 5:4).

We are faced with two possibilities: Either we watch, be on constant guard, and thus be an overcomer, or we become careless and sleepy, thus capitulating to the fashion of the age, and be overcome. **Watch ye!**

"STAND FAST!"

Our Lord commands us to stand firm in the faith once committed to the saints.

"Stand fast" means to "Be firm, permanent, endure." It conveys the thought of staying put or standing pat. There are probably more "believers" in a greater variety of so-called "faiths" at present than at any time in history. Millions will fight for "their faith," and many would probably die for it. All of us who deal with souls have been rebuffed

with words like these: "I have **my** faith." Even some of us are more zealous for **our** faith than we are for **the** faith. There is a subtle but real difference between standing firm for **your** faith and standing firm **in the** faith! We are not commanded to support the faith as though God has entrusted it to us and it is in danger of being overthrown. But we are to stay put **in the faith** that God has provided for us and which cannot be overthrown.

A May issue of the **Life** magazine contained a timely article entitled "The Rise of the NEGO." Several outstanding young men, representing a cross section, from four of the Nation's top prep schools are permitted to speak. They declare that they have no real purpose in life; hence their name NEGO. Their professors confess they have failed them. The youths complain that there is no voice of authority to guide them in meeting the great moral, ethical, and spiritual problems that any upcoming generation has been asked to face. They blame Darwin and his philosophy of evolution for the lack of a noble past. Freud, and his self-centered struggle for survival, poses an unsatisfying prospect for the future. And the IBM machine is blamed for reducing everyone from a person with a name to a quantity with a number. They repudiate the modern pulpit for its glittering generalities and its pious platitudes. They confess to frightening fears (a coach describes them as running scared) for their future in the face of the power-mad struggle and insane arms race of the nations. They admit to an emerging guilt-consciousness which appears unavoidable.

To thinking young people, we are able to offer the solid foundation of the Word of God and the God of the Word. They have never forsaken those who have looked to Them for hope and help. The minature Bible of Hebrews 1:1-3 is a capsule answer to all these perplexing problems and terrifying fears.

Listen to the Amplified New Testament: "In many separate revelations—each of which set forth a portion of the Truth—and in different ways God spoke of old to [our] forefathers in and by the prophets. [But] in the last of these days He has spoken to us [in the person of a] Son, whom He appointed Heir and lawful owner of all things, also by and through Whom He created the worlds and the reaches of space and the ages of time—[that is], He made, produced, built, operated, and arranged them in order. He is the sole expression of the glory of God—the Light-being, the out-raying of the divine—and He is the perfect imprint and very image of [God's] nature, upholding and maintaining and guiding and propelling the universe by His mighty word of power. When He had by offering Himself accomplished our cleansing of sins and riddance of guilt, He sat down at the right hand of the divine Majesty on high." Every problem, complaint, and hunger expressed by our hopeless and helpless generation of youth finds its answer in these words.

As your moderator, I commend the Youth Council and the National Sunday School Boards for the effective and expanding ministry they are carrying on in our churches and Sunday schools. I also commend the pastors and churches who have pioneered and sponsored our Christian schools to better meet the needs of our youth for a firm foundation in the faith of God's Word. I'm afraid we have been expecting them to "make a lot of bricks on a short supply of straw!" Brethren, our support is not what it ought to be. The youth of today will man our churches, schools, business, and Government of tomorrow. We dare not fail them.

In theological and ecclesiastical circles perhaps the magic word is "ecumenical." In simplest terms this is the rapidly growing pressure on all religious groups to unite into one super organization without regard to doctrine or polity. Charles Clayton Morrison, editor-emeri-

tus of **The Christian Century** magazine states that "The goal of the Ecumenical movement cannot be envisaged in any terms short of the actual embodiment of the now unembodied church of Christ." In other words it simply means the assimilation of all denominations into one organized church. Dr. John Knox, of Union Theological Seminary, declares that "No real union can exist without a comprehensive organization under control of a hierarchy or council." This would lead to a ministry, and seminaries producing it, in fullest harmony with such a program. We are even being told that this is the unanswered prayer of Christ in Gethsemane which modern churchmen must bring to pass.

It should be pointed out that there is and has been a spiritual unity in the church since its beginning. Our Lord prayed for this in John 17 and received the answer on Pentecost (Acts 2). The Holy Spirit accomplished it when the 120 disciples with all believers of this age "were baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit" (I Cor. 12:13). We do not see Paul saved until Acts 9 and the Corinthians evangelized till Acts 18 and 19. But both were baptized into one body at Pentecost. This is the true ecumenical church. It was founded by Christ and is being preserved and perpetuated by Him through the preaching of the Gospel through which He continues "to call out of the nations a people for his name." The time factor may trouble us—but not God! Didn't He tell Abraham, "Kings shall come out of thy loins," a thousand years before the first king was born? Doesn't He tell us that all men spiritually died in Adam before the first man was born? Is it therefore alarming to learn that this same God baptized all true believers of this church age into the body of Christ over 1900 years ago?

In the light of these truths, your moderator recommends that we who are pastors and teachers proclaim the truth of this Scriptural "ecumenism." Thus alone shall our churches be given strength to resist every effort to press us into any organizational union as a move in the development of the coming apostate superworld church described in The Revelation 17 as the harlot riding the beast.

The church organization found in the New Testament which is mentioned sixteen times in the first three chapters of The Revelation is the local church. Peter, whom some ecumenical experts would claim as their first pope, repudiates that role when he avoided speaking "Ex-Cathedra." He refrained from issuing any sort of "Papal Bull," and in spiritual humility without apostolic authority simply exhorted his fellow elders. He pleaded with them to feed the flock of God which was among (not under) them—to take the oversight out of pure motives—not to lord it over God's heritage (set up a hierarchy), but to live as examples to the flock. The only superior pastor he recognized was "The Chief Shepherd" who is yet to appear. In the seven letters to the churches, Christ seven times commands the one who is able to hear to listen to and bring his life into conformity to what He himself says through the Holy Spirit to the churches. He foreknew the trends of our day perfectly, and deliberately and emphatically gave His closing messages not to an ecclesiastical union, but to the local congregations and appealed especially to the individual member.

We believe there is room for intercongregational cooperation. Paul told the Colossians to share their letter with the Laodicean church, and in turn to read the Laodicean letter. The Philippians supported his missionary ministry to other churches. And our Lord in writing to each of the seven churches concluded each time to heed what the Spirit said to the churches altogether. What can this be but a plea for doc-

trinal and practical agreement? Denominations are not an unmixed evil as some infer and others assert. Many of them, I believe, have been raised up of the Lord to turn the churches back to a fresh loyalty to the Word of God.

For the sake of the record, it should be pointed out that the "new beginning" made by many Brethren pastors and churches was not a result of the secession of these Brethren from The Brethren Church as was maintained by the opposition. It came into being rather as the result of the illegal exclusion of some of us here today from membership in the General Conference because we wanted to hold a more true course to the Word of God. This was not acceptable to a number of the "Powers that 'were.' " Either they themselves wanted to drift or protect those who were drifting.

We believe further that there is room for interdenominational cooperation on many levels which do not involve congregational membership or denominational fellowship. Sunday-school promotion and methods, even to most of our teaching materials in which we are engaged is one of many possible areas and present endeavors. As one who has listened to and participated in many long discussions pro and con regarding the relaxing of the requirement of trine-immersion baptism for membership in our churches, I ask each one to consider this matter carefully. I am vitally concerned for the welfare of our beloved brotherhood and the outstanding missionary, educational, and benevolent work He has given us as a denominational fellowship. Because a specially constituted committee of the conference of two years ago is to bring a report to the ministers, I am constrained to ask every delegate and friend to consider carefully this matter. I have not asked this committee for an advance reading of its report, nor would what I have to say be altered by it.

Let us consider carefully from every angle the responsibility of the individuals or congregations who take such action. This is a retreat from what has been a Biblical conviction and practice of our congregations for more than 250 years. This is not something our denominational founders originated to distinguish themselves. It was a teaching and practice which they restored from New Testament study and knowledge of Early Church practice. The plain reading and thorough exegesis of the Bible on the subject sustain this practice more clearly and with less problems than any other. Church historians of repute, uninfluenced by Brethren as far as we know, are on record that this was the almost unvarying practice of the Early Church. Denominational leaders and founders, such as Wesley and Luther, preferred trine immersion as the one form most true to the Word.

We readily grant that baptism does not save, help save, or keep saved. But does this make it any less important as a part of the Word? Speaking of the law, Christ says: "Verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do [practice] and teach them, the same shall be great" (Matt. 5:18-19). I grant that we are not under law. But neither are we under license. We are under grace. As I understand the grace of God, it enables us to obey our Lord. It does not free us from obedience.

The position on the ordinances among the Brethren has not been one of opinion to be changed, nor convenience to be accommodated. It has been one of Scriptural conviction to be obeyed.

I recognize that this does not solve all the problems involved. Neither am I raising the problem itself. I am recognizing a problem which has already been raised by others. It vitally affects every congregation represented here. Sooner or

ater it must be faced. The question is: 'Shall we continue to stand for this ordinance and others which may be next under fire? Or shall we compromise our stand and accommodate those whose convictions may be sincerely otherwise?"

As a pastor of five churches over a period of twenty-five years, I believe I have had a proportionate share of godly Baptists, and other single immersionists, as well as a number of Presbyterians, Mennonites, and others who were baptized by sprinkling or pouring. Some of these upon careful and prayerful study of the subject and discussion of the issues have been convinced of the truth and have been not "rebaptized," but have obeyed the Lord for the first time in the fuller teaching of the Word in baptism by trine immersion. Some have refused, but have still fellowshiped with us. Some have come under a succeeding pastor. Others are fellowshipping with us, praying with us, communing with us, and serving the Lord with us while they continue to consider the matter not yet seeing the necessity. Shall we drop our standards and receive these on the basis of their own views or convictions? We are told that it is wrong to violate the convictions of such brethren in the Lord. I will not answer this. I ask another question. What about the consciences of the many who, out of conviction on this very point and others and their love for the whole-Bible ministry of the churches of our fellowship, have joined us because we stand where we do? Fellowship should be encouraged with those who do not yet appreciate this truth. But should we grant them, or should they ethically expect, voting membership privileges which carry with them potentially the authority to change the entire position of the church on this and other matters of faith and practice where Brethren churches of this National Fellowship have always stood?

It is said: "Trine immersion and The Feet-Washing Service alone cannot hold us together as Brethren churches." I do not believe these alone hold us together or ever have. If they had we would still be one in denominational fellowship with the Ashland Brethren, the Church of the Brethren and other groups of the Brethren. But, Brethren, they have distinguished us in the eyes of the world as Bible-practicing Brethren. If these are a part of our Biblical heritage and responsibility, will not the deliberate move to minimize their importance and necessity substantially contribute to straining our fellowship as pastors and churches and hinder our cooperative programs?

I realize that this is a delicate question and that I shall probably be rebuked by some and applauded by others. I am not afraid of the rebuke, nor do I covet the applause. I shall be told that this ought to be left in the hands of the ministers for them to decide. I am not sure that is their prerogative. I believe that we have followed a constructive path to this point. After more prayer and heart searching than most of you can know, I have presented these questions. Our ministry has no corner on discussion of these questions, nor on the concern which they cause. The members of our churches are deeply and vitally concerned. And these are questions which have been asked of me many times over.

I close this subject with this final question: In this part of the faith and practice committed to us, do we have any right to do less than "STAND FAST?"

BE STRONG!

Our Lord commands us to be strong in the grace which He supplies.

This command means to become strong where we are weak, and continue to be strengthened with His might in the inner man.

As we face the multiplying problems on every hand—the temptations, the

apostasy, the inroads, and the toll of materialism—who among us is not moved to exclaim with Paul: "Who is sufficient for these things?" But before we are tempted to capitulate in despair, listen to him again: "I have strength for all things in Christ who empowers me—I am ready for anything and equal to anything through Him Who infuses inner strength into me, [that is, I am self-sufficient in Christ's sufficiency]." (Phil. 4:13 A.N.T.) Our Lord's letters to the seven churches are masterpieces of brevity. They are filled with honest observation of the all-seeing Lord, wholesome warning, and enabling encouragement.

In the letter to the **church at Ephesus** we find a congregation of Christians who have substituted quantity of works for quality in their service for Christ. To all but Him they are secretly backslidden in heart. They have left their first love. How many tragedies would have been prevented if this exhortation to love had been heeded. If there is one among us tonight who remembers a day when His love was more precious to us and ours was more warm to Him, let us consider how far we have fallen. Failure here can only mean a lost testimony and possibly a closed church.

In the letters to Smyrna, the persecuted and suffering believers are in sight. Faithfulness, not compromise to lessen the pressure is the counsel of Him who became dead and lives triumphant over it. A crown of life and immunity to the second death are His reward.

In the letter to Pergamos, the compromising church, which holds sound doctrine is before us. This church consents to professionalism in ministry and idolatry in worship. Clericalism is in control and is about to be judged by the sharp sword of God's Word. The remedy again is "Repent."

In the letter to the church at **Thyatira,** we find a church rich in charitable works but corrupt in teaching and practice, especially in accommodating itself to the gross sins of the flesh. Fornication, adultery, and all sorts of spiritual and physical impurity are in good standing. Unless there is repentance, there is the sentence of death.

In the letter to the Church at **Sardis,** we learn of a church that has the name to be alive, but which is actually dead. A small minority are saved in this crowd and enjoying the victory of Christ.

In the letter to the church at **Philadelphia,** we find one that comes close to us. It is a church with almost unlimited opportunity. God has opened a door of service which only He can close.

We are assembled here to receive the blessing and inspiration of the services, but also to hear the reports of work done, that which waits to be done, and the needs we face to get it done. There is a shortage of dedicated lives. I fear too many are looking to a worldly sort of security, rather than to be willing to go anywhere with Jesus on His terms. Many of our people are too busy making a living and enjoying their recreation to tie down to any responsibility. They have no time to teach in our Sunday schools, sponsor a Youth group, head a Boy's work, or a SMM. No time.

Every one of our boards have to scrape to make ends meet. Some are failing to get the job done, and almost all are plagued by deficits. The problem is not peculiar to our Fellowship. The story is the same in every group which has a message today and a field in which to present it.

Why? The Lord has trusted us because we have a little strength, we have kept His Word, we have not denied His name. Most of us are satisfied that we are not headed for The Tribulation. But we are in danger of having the Lord shut doors in our faces and of losing our reward.

In the letter to the church of **Laodicea,** we find the transition passed. The open door to a needy world has been shut with the Lord of the harvest who had

wanted to be yoked with us in service now seeking attention that He might bring fellowship to our spiritually poverty-stricken souls. This church is neither against the Lord nor enthusiastically for Him. It is just unconcerned, indifferent toward Him. It makes Him sick! In its blindness to its true spiritual condition this church satiates itself with the trinkets of material riches and worldly pleasures till it actually feels self-sufficient. As nearly as I can discover, the name Laodicea means—"The people are right"—this is a religious democracy instead of a spiritual aristocracy. The neglected prayer closet of the Ephesian church has become the closed prayer meeting of the church at Laodicea. Someone has said: "The Sunday morning service attendance shows the popularity of the church—here's when most of the unsaved come. Religion is respectable. The Sunday evening portrays the popularity of the preacher. Don't laugh! Here's the tragic part: "The prayer meeting shows the popularity of the Lord." Does this letter have anything to say to us. Too long we have tossed it over our shoulders to the Modernists. I'm not sure the Lord is talking to them. But, we protest, does He mean us all the way? True, most of our churches have a small minority of members present in the meeting designed for the Lord to speak intimately to our hearts through the devotional study and for us to plead our needs and the needs of His work before Him. Most of us don't have much heart for prayer. Have you checked your prayer meeting lately?

But, you say, He can't mean us when He talks about money. We aren't rich! By the standards of the Episcopalians, maybe not. But by the standards of the peoples of the world, we definitely are. We are too self-indulgent and self-satisfied. Compared to what we bank at the drive-ins for knickknacks, I'm afraid we haven't begun to invest seriously in missions and benevolences. "A dime a day per member." Yes; we'll average that in "coffee and coke breaks," candy and ice cream—not to mention hamburgers and after-church malts and Pizzas! Brethren, a dime a day would give us a million a year for missions, Grace Seminary and College and our other benevolences. Think a moment of vacation and recreation costs, and the total spent for all our total church program can't really compete. Does this make our Lord angry? No; to this church alone He says: "Those whom I [dearly and tenderly] love, I tell their faults and convict and convince and reprove and chasten—[that is], I discipline and instruct them. So be enthusiastic and in earnest and burning with zeal, and repent—changing your mind and attitude. Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears and listens to and heeds My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will eat with him and he [shall eat] with Me. He who overcomes [is victorious], I will grant him to sit beside Me on My throne, as I myself overcame [was victorious] and sat down beside My Father on His throne (Rev. 3:19-20 A.N.T).

Lord, give us ears to hear, to listen, and to obey what the Lord through the Spirit is saying in His last words to the churches—"Watch Ye—Stand Fast—Be Strong!

DEVOTIONAL SESSIONS

Monday Evening, August 13

Moderator John Aeby officially opened the 73rd Annual Conference of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches Monday evening, August 13. He presented conference song leader Donald Ogden who led in the singing of the hymn "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," and the Doxology.

A fine choir was presented by Brother Ogden. They sang "Glorious Is Thy Name."

The Gospelheirs sang a beautiful number entitled "God Lives."

James Dixon read the Scripture from the Book of Revelation 1:4 to 11 and led in the evening prayer.

Moderator John Aeby gave a challenging address on the subject: **"Watch Ye . . . Stand Fast . . . Be Strong"** following the singing of a hymn and a chorus, and the presentation of another quartet number by the Gospelheirs.

Following the moderator's address, the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church informally presented the missionaries and children who were present at National Conference.

Tuesday Morning, August 14

Song leader Donald Ogden led in a rousing song service, using the hymns "Jesus Is All the World to Me," "O How I Love Jesus," and "How Firm a Foundation."

Rev. Clair Brickel read the Scripture, using Hebrews 2:1 and 2, and then led in prayer.

Elaine Long gave a beautiful musical number, after which Vice Moderator James Dixon presented a good Bible message on the subject: **"The Eternal Issues of the Absolute Deity of Jesus Christ."**

Tuesday Evening, August 14

A good musical package opened the evening session. Included were two hymns, a trumpet solo by Edwin Cashman, a Gospelheirs quartet number, a number by the choir, and another hymn.

Rev. Robert Holmes read the Scripture from John 17:17 to 26, and Rev. Galen Lingenfelter led in prayer.

Following the singing of "Dearer Than All" by the Gospelheirs, Dr. Clyde Taylor gave a great message on the subject: **"Evangelical Christianity and Modern Religious Liberalism."**

The message by Dr. Taylor was followed by the Board of Evangelism who presented a Challenge Hour that was of great blessing. Brother Robert Collitt was used of the Holy Spirit to stir and move the hearts of those present! A large number came forward in rededication.

Wednesday Morning, August 15

The hymn of the morning was "Wonderful Words of Life." Merline Schlange read the Scripture from the Book of II Peter 1:12 to 21. Don Rager led in prayer. Paul Schumacher presented a vocal solo.

Dr. John Whitcomb gave a forthright message on the subject: **"The Final Authority of Holy Scripture!"**

Wednesday Evening, August 15

The hymns for the evening service were "Stand Up for Jesus," "Onward Christian Soldiers," and "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah." The choir sang number entitled "The Lord Is the Light of My Salvation," and the Hood Sisters sang a beautiful trio number entitled "I am Unworthy."

Robert E. A. Miller read the Scripture from the Book of Romans 5:1 to 11, and Victor Rogers led in the evening prayer. Dr. Clyde Taylor then brought another of his fine messages.

The Brethren Home Missions Council presented a number of home-mission workers in their Home Mission Challenge Hour.

Thursday Morning, August 16

The hymn for the morning session was "I Am Thine, O Lord." Robert D. Whited read the Scripture from the Book of Acts 13:1 to 5, and Leslie Moore led in prayer.

Dr. Miles Taber presented a stirring message on the subject "The Presidency of the Holy Spirit."

Thursday Evening, August 16

Under the leadership of Don Ogden the evening audience beautifully sang the challenging hymn "Make Me a Blessing." Following another special number by the choir, the hymn entitled "Praise Him" was used. Rev. Gerald Teeter read from the Book of Psalms 14, and Arthur Carey led in the evening prayer.

The Gospelheirs brought another number and Dr. Taylor presented a message on the theme: **"Evangelical Christianity and Atheistic Communism."**

Grace Seminary and College presented an unusual Challenge Hour, which included the formal inauguration services for the new president, Dr. Herman A. Hoyt. It was a very impressive service.

Friday Morning, August 17

Two stirring hymns—"Crown Him With Many Crowns," and "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"—served to prepare hearts for a good devotional service.

Carl Miller led in prayer, and asked the blessing of the Lord on the service. Richard Burch read the Scripture from Zechariah 14:1 to 4. Dr. Charles W. Mayes then presented the message of the morning.

Friday Evening, August 17

Following a good song service, Robert Griffith read from the Book of Romans 13:1 to 8, and Raymond Thompson led in prayer. The choir sang "To God All Praise and Glory." As always, the Polman family did a good job in the special music. Their number was entitled "Jesus, My Saviour."

Dr. Clyde Taylor delivered the final message in his series on Evangelical Christianity.

The Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church had charge of the Inspirational Hour. A number of missionaries were presented for testimonies.

Saturday Morning, August 18

The Saturday morning devotional service featured a great message by Bill Smith. After he had extended the invitation, the Christian Day School Committee led in an Inspirational service pertaining to Christian schools.

Saturday Evening, August 18

A full program of youth activities was presented in the Saturday evening service. It was a blessing to all to see and hear the youth give forth of their talent, which they have dedicated to the Lord.

Sunday Morning, August 19

The morning service was held in con-

nection with the Winona Lake Brethren Church. The message was brought by Dr. L. L. Grubb on the subject: "The Purifying Power of the 'Blessed Hope.' "

Sunday Afternon, August 19

The Annual Missionary Rally was under the joint direction of Dr. R. D. Barnard and Dr. L. L. Grubb. They presented a number of missionaries and workers who gave stirring testimonies of the blessing of the Lord on their work abroad and at home.

Sunday Evening, August 19

The final service of the 1962 National Conference was a time of great blessing. The musical program featured a trumpet solo by Edwin Cashman, the Youth Choir, a duet number entitled "God's Wondrous Grace" by Elaine Long and Don Ogden, and a solo by Elaine Long.

The final message was brought by Dean Fetterhoff. God blessed in this service, and made it a fitting climax to a wonderful week at National Conference!

BUSINESS SESSIONS

RST SESSION, AUGUST 14

The first business session of the 73rd nnual Conference of the National Fel-wship of Brethren Churches, assembled Winona Lake, Indiana, August 13-, 1962, was opened by the moderator, hn Aeby. He called the Conference order with the reading of I Corinth-ns 14:33 and in prayer. The Commit-e on Denominational Interests read e following statement with no action quested:

ne Committee on Denominational Interests ommends to this 1962 National Conference of ethren Churches that any church which has cooperated with the action taken by the 0 Conference with respect to the receiving persons into the voting membership of a local gregation without the requirement of bap-n by trine immersion, or, has violated the uirement of baptism by trine immersion for ing membership in the local congregation, be seated in this Conference."

The Membership Committee reported 9 lay and 200 ministerial delegates esent. These were seated by vote of Conference. This is a total of 559, compared to a first-day total last ar of 461.

The Conference adopted the recom-ndation of the Membership Commit-that the Grace Brethren Church of eater Washington be accepted into National Fellowship of Brethren urches.

Motion prevailed that the proposed enda be adopted.

The Nominating Committee placed following persons in nomination for nference officers:

DERATOR	*VICE MODERATOR*
ark Malles	Russell Ogden
illiam Steffler	Frank Poland

SECRETARY	*ASSISTANT SECRETARY*
Clyde Landrum	Gene Witzky
Gerald Polman	Phillip Simmons
TREASURER	*STATISTICIAN*
Elmer Tamkin	John Whitcomb
Roy Kinsey	Warren Tamkin
COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES	
R. E. Gingrich	Leo Polman
Richard DeArmey	Lyle Marvin
Galen Lingenfelter	Jack Peters

Gene Witzky asked that his name be omitted from the list of nominees for Assistant Secretary, and Conference granted his request.

The following additional nominations were made from the floor:

MODERATOR	*VICE MODERATOR*
John Mayes	Ray Thompson
ASSISTANT SECRETARY	*STATISTICIAN*
Clair Brickel	John Burns

The Rules and Organization Committee proceeded with the election. For the list of those who were elected, please see page 2.

The following persons were elected to the Conference Executive Committee:

Allegheny—W. Wayne Baker, Richard Placeway
East—Victor Rogers, John Terrell
Indiana—Scott Weaver, Gordon Bracker
Iowa—Forrest Jackson
Michigan—Earle Peer
Mid-Atlantic—Warren Tamkin, Robert Crees
Midwest—Dayton Cundiff
N. Atlantic—William Tweeddale
Nor-Cal—Arthur Pekarek
Northern Ohio—R. Paul Miller, Jr., Gerald Teeter, Miles Taber
Northwest—Nelson Hall
Southeast—Mason Cooper, Kenneth Teague
S. Calif.-Ariz.—Glenn O'Neal, Charles Mayes, Gerald Polman (chairman of committee)
Southern Ohio—Nate Casement, Russell Ward (Executive Secretary of committee)

The Conference Travel Committee gave an oral report.

Motion prevailed to adjourn.

SECOND SESSION, AUGUST 15

The Membership Committee reported six additional lay, and eight ministerial

delegates for a second-day total of 573.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and declared approved as read.

The report of the Committee on Committees was adopted as corrected, and the following persons were placed in nomination for the various offices. These were declared elected. (See pages 2, 3 and 4).

The following report by the Denom national Interests Committee was a cepted:

"The Denominational Interests Committee h had correspondence between members by ma has met for prayer and consultation, but has further report to give to this Conference.—R. Barnard, Chairman."

Motion prevailed to adopt the fo lowing financial report of the Boa of Ministerial Benefits:

STATEMENT OF RECORDED CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS AND CASH BALANCE

For the period from July 1, 1961 to June 30, 1962

	Total	Minister's Account	Relief Account	Retiremer Fund
RECORDED CASH RECEIPTS:				
Contributions	8,668.39	3,727.92	823.54	4,116
Interest on investments and loans	1,708.21	157.50	87.50	1,463
Repayment of loans	4,500.00			4,500
Total recorded cash receipts	14,876.60	3,885.42	911.04	10,080.
CASH DISBURSEMENTS:				
Minister's loan	700.00	700.00		
Insurance premiums and commissions	3,264.12	3,264.12		
Investments—B.I.F.	4,000.00			4,000
Retirement payments	6,000.00			6,000
Operating expenses:				
Secretary service 220.00				
Honorarium 200.00				
Audit 40.00				
Office supplies and postage 96.40				
Travel expense 18.00				
Treasurer's bond 25.00				
*Total operating expenses	599.40		149.85	449.
Total cash disbursements	14,563.52	3,964.12	149.85	10,449.
EXCESS OF RECORDED CASH RECEIPTS OVER CASH DISBURSEMENTS	313.08	(78.70)	761.19	(369.4
CASH BALANCE, JULY 1, 1961	4,775.02	917.82	920.44	2,936.
CASH BALANCE, JUNE 30, 1962	5,088.10	839.12	1,681.63	2,567.

Note—This statement is prepared on the cash basis and therefore does not reflect amounts of u collected receipts or unpaid bills. It was not practicable to verify loans and investments, b based on balances as recorded as of June 30, 1961, and reflecting current period cash tran actions, the value of loans and investments as of June 30, 1962, amounts to $36,590.00, whi added to cash in bank of $5,088.10 results in a combined asset value of $41,678.10 as of Ju 30, 1962.

*Prorated on the basis of 25% charged to Relief Account and 75% charged to Retirement Fund.

Motion prevailed to adopt the following insurance report of the Board on Ministerial Benefits:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE ORGANIZATION OF A LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY FOR THE MINISTERS OF THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES

At the 1961 National Fellowship of Brethren Churches the Board of Ministerial Emergency and Retirement Benefits was instructed to investigate the possibilities of organizing a Life Insurance Company to supplant the present program.

During the year a committee made inquiries and held conferences with insurance authorities concerning the laws and regulations pertaining to this request.

At a minimum of expense it was learned that the organization of such a company which would necessarily do business in many stat of the Union is impractical, for the followi reasons:

1. We do not have the necessary capital eith for a mutual or a stock company.
2. Interstate traffic demands registration ar tax in most every state from which we wou secure premiums.

We therefore recommend that we carry the same program with a concerted effort enlist more of our younger men in an effort secure a lower premium rate.

Clair Brickel
Richard Saunders
Wm. H. Schaffer

Motion prevailed to change th business year of the Board on Minister ial Benefits to the calendar year.

Motion prevailed that the followin

ersons be elected to three-year terms n the Board on Ministerial Benefits: lair Brickel, Bryson Fetters, Conard andy.

Motion prevailed to adopt the fol-owing report of the National Sunday chool Board:

REPORT OF THE
NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

Harold H. Etling, Director

It is with a real sense of joy that I make his report of the activities and progress of the ational Sunday School Board through this ast year. There is a real sense of thanksgiving n my own heart for the nine years that I have een privileged to serve as the director of the ork, and to thank God for the marvelous way n which He has led and blessed.

Many of our schools are showing real progress n every way, which is resulting in some stounding growth. In a moment we shall share few statistics gleaned from our studies.

During the early days of the activity of this oard of our National Conference, in an at-empt to set before us a goal, our Board adopted nd pursued the program of 60,000 enrolled by 960. We did not reach that goal, nor are we ven at this point now, two years after 1960 past. To measure our growth is a bit difficult lways in face of the fact that statistical reports re inaccurate and incomplete. For example this ear, six churches did not report an enrollment n Sunday school, many did not report enroll-ent breakdown into departments, and one hurch did not report at all. For the sake of n attempt to get something of an accurate pic-re, we have assumed that the average attend-nce would be a minimum number of members n any Sunday school and in the case of the x churches that did not report enrollment gures, we used the average attendance figure show now in 181 schools a total enrollment of ,054 pupils, and an average attendance in 961 (as of December 31) of 27,487.

To set a goal of 60,000 enrolled by 1960 may em to some to have been ambitious. Your Na-onal Sunday School Board did not feel so, or do we now think that we were unreal-tic in a goal. We believe the hour has come at churches within the framework of the ATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN HURCHES ought to take inventory of their ork, to see whether we are just playing at e work the Lord gave us to do, or really doing job that is taking the best of our lives.

Two thousand years ago, Jesus gave the com-and to His disciples "to go into all the world nd preach the gospel"! We are happy for every sult that has come, both at home and abroad. am not, nor is our Board discouraged! But ry frankly, *WE ARE CONCERNED.* With 181 nday schools, and a membership of almost ,000 and with an average attendance in those hools of 27,487, we showed a total increase less than 1000 pupils in average attendance. ne hundred of our schools reported increases, en though some of these were slight—as small one person, we thank God for them. Eight of r schools remained absolutely static—they ither gained in average attendance nor lost. rhaps some may feel this is pretty good—t remember we are in the midst of a popula-n explosion! The tragedy, and the thing that ally causes alarm is that 73 of our schools owed losses in average attendance.

It is not my purpose now to go into a long tistical report, for our National Statistician am sure will review many of these things with u. I do think however, that I should share some totals. Twelve Districts showed a total gain of 1004 people, while two districts showed losses of 37 people. I know these are mere statistics. But I would dare to suggest to you today, that every one of these statistics represents a soul for whom Christ died. I know all of the excuses, the alibis, and the reasons, but I am still concerned and alarmed.

Has the power of Christ become so ineffective and outmoded in this present world that we can hope for nothing better than keeping a status quo?

Must we be deprived in our time of the victories the Early Church knew? They too lived in a difficult time, and in a dangerous age.

Your National Sunday School Board believes we ought to do more.

The 10,567 people who were enrolled, but did not attend, and remember these are averages, mean that last year on 52 Sundays, we had a total of 549,484 people who did not sit in classes, who did not hear the Gospel, who did not participate in a service. At a minimum of one hour for Sunday school, this means 549,484 lost man hours for Jesus Christ. Looking at it purely on a materialistic point of view, if each of these pupils had contributed but 10c per Sunday, it would have added a total of $54,984.00 to our treasuries. (This incidentally is more than twice the total budget of the National Sunday School Board).

Are we really concerned? Do we who are the delegates, pastors, superintendents, teachers and leaders in Brethren churches across the Nation, do we really mean business for God? We are hearing much in our day concerning the inroads of catholicism and communism. I hate both of these systems as much as any of my hearers. But with all that I have heard, and seen, I am convinced that the hour has come in The Brethren Church when we ought to face the real problems—and facing us as leaders in our churches across the Nation is the problem of lethargy, and materialism. The enemy would lull us to sleep by saying: "Don't get excited about statistics!" Let me emphasize it, every statistic in the Brethren church that has reference to attendance and enrollment is a person for whom JESUS DIED. And this is only the beginning, for there are thousands on the outside.

Because your National Sunday School Board is concerned, we have looked carefully at the total situation. We believe that there is an answer. We are convinced that if we do not do that which we are able to do and that which we ought to do, we have become a mediocre or second-rate group of people.

We are convinced that without a moral and spiritual awakening, we are going to live in an anti-Christian society.

We believe that before we can go farther, we must look carefully at everyone of our local schools. We believe there must be some real improvements.

Our goal must constantly be guided by a Christian philosophy of life, and for The Brethren Church, this means there is no co-existence possible for Christ and evil.

Our program must constantly be guided by a God-consciousness. We have this in theory, but the Early Church had a presence.

We have established as an attendance goal—the theme for our Sunday schools Double In This Decade. In the convention which has just closed, our tenth convention, we geared the program to the theme, FOCUS ON IMPROVEMENT. This is the theme of the program which we trust everyone of our schools will adopt for the year. We believe better schools will produce bigger schools.

This is not a sudden overnight affair. It is a continuing program to help us to do our part in a great national attempt on the part of many schools joined with the National Sunday School Association to Double in This Decade.

We have established a basic overall program that will carry us through the years of this dec-

ade—to 1970, if Jesus tarries His coming.

1962-63, a year of improvement—our theme, Focus on Improvement

1963-64, a year of enlargement—our theme, Focus on the Community

1964-65, a year of evaluation—our theme, Focus on Standards

1965-66, a year of evangelism—our theme, Focus on Decisions

1966-67, a year of expansion—our theme, Focus on Training

1967-68, a year of growth—our theme, Focus on Outreach

1968-69, a year of conservation—our theme, Focus on Spiritual Depth

1969-70, a year of victory—our theme, Focus on Thanksgiving

This is not an announcement of a series of themes alone, but rather, a program of advance in which we are cooperating with the National Sunday School Association. The program will be implemented with practical helps being channeled to the local schools during these next eight years.

ITINERATION

Again this past year, your director spent much time in visiting among our schools, conducting workshops, attempting to improve the work in the local church and school area. This of course is one of the most important parts of the work of the department. During the year, we traveled approximately 50,000 miles, visiting churches in many of our districts both large and small. We shared in four district conferences, as well as two conference Sunday-school conventions.

CONTEST

We are happy to report our best interest in our National Contest, which is now conducted twelve months each year. More schools participated this year than ever before. One hundred fifty-seven of our 181 schools participated in one or more months, with 102 schools reporting in the contest each of the twelve months. Awards to the winners were given in our annual award night during the convention. The contest continues to keep alive a keen interest in the total attendances of Sunday schools.

NATIONAL CONVENTION

The tenth annual convention is a matter of history. Returning to Winona Lake after the absence of one year while at Estes Park, we had a splendid attendance, and many words of encouragement concerning the work. We believe the convention continues to be one of the real methods of giving inspiration and help to workers in the Sunday school.

STANDARDS

We are again a bit concerned about this phase of our work. Not too many of our Sunday schools have yet seen the value in a measuring stick. Our National Sunday school standard is not too high. It is a goal toward which every school ought to move. In order to strengthen this phase of our work, this year, we are producing, and will provide at least one month prior to the time of use, a workshop for each feature of our standard, making twelve workshops in all to be used in monthly worker's conferences. We trust that this will help all of our workers to know a bit more of why they do what they do, or at least why it is expected of them.

The annual check up will again be held in January, and will be based on the calendar year.

TEACHER TRAINING

We are in the midst of preparing additional training books for our schools—at the present there are seven courses, and two more are i the writing stage. The important thing now is fc our churches and schools to understand th trained workers are essential. Our Board stanc ready to help with many different types c training courses and materials that we believ will fill the need if and when churches an people get concerned enough to do somethin about their condition.

CURRICULUM

We continue to serve as the editor of Gos pel Light Curriculum materials for the churcl We want to report very fine relationship with ou supplier. Progress has been made during th past year that is very encouraging. As som know, there was a problem in third Grad Teacher's Quarterly, regarding the matter c the Washing of the Feet of the disciples as taugh in John 13. After much correspondence, man long distance phone calls, and a private con versation in the offices of Gospel Light for ap proximately one full day, they have now printe a special Brethren Quarterly at their expens writing the lesson in keeping with our desire (As a matter of fact, we wrote the materia and they have printed it.) Other changes, i other departments will be made at the time o revisions.

PERSONAL ACTIVITY

As most of you know, Sunday school is m life. In addition to the routine of the offic work, writing of textbooks for training, the pro duction of a handbook for Sunday school work ers, and the like, your director has been give privilege and blessing during this past year i many ways.

We have continued to teach eight class hour at Grace Seminary in the field of Christian Edu cation. This material has had excellent respons from students.

This year it has been our privilege to hav served as the vice president of the Nationa Sunday School Association, an honor with grav responsibility. God has blessed this associatio beyond measure.

We have again been asked to serve as a work shop leader in the National Convention in Den ver in October, and to bring the keynote mes sage of the mid-winter convention in Miami Florida. Both of these will be shared by work ers from our own churches close by, as wel as across the Nation.

OFFICE STAFF

I would be ungrateful if I did not take thi opportunity again to express my thanks to Goc for the finest staff in all the world. Miss Osborne continues to carry a tremendous part of the loac as she serves as the office manager and director of many of the details in relation to the tota work. At the close of the school year we lost one of our employees, who has been putting her husband through seminary. Together, the Dices have gone to Flora, Indiana, and we are sure they are going to make a real contribution to our work in their church. The office was short an employee for two months, but now we are happy to report the fact that we have a new bookkeeper, Mr. Robert Russell, who has come to seminary, and will be working with us through these next few years at least. Mr. Kelley another seminary student continues to serve in the printing of materials and mailing of the same.

PROMOTIONAL

The regular flow of promotional materials from our office continues with ever increasing costs due to the rise in cost of paper and postage. Promoter mailing now is above 4200, Super Scoops about 500, and Books off the shelf more than 4200.

FINANCIAL

We submit herewith our financial report for e year 1961. Report attached. The books have en audited, and they will report on this. Conference auditing committee.)

Respectfully submitted
National Sunday School Board
Harold H. Etling, Director.

Motion prevailed to adopt the fol-owing financial report of the Sunday chool Board:

Statement of Assets & Liabilities
of
The National Sunday School Board
December 31, 1961

ssets			
Cash			944.63
Accounts Receivable		602.08	
Less Reserve for Bad Debts		228.26	373.82
Office Equipment		6,728.17	
Less Equity of Other Boards	180.00		
Reserve for Depreciation	2,555.21	2,735.21	3,992.96
Film Strips		2,121.26	
Less Reserve for Depreciation		500.00	1,621.26
Inventory			4,117.01
Total Assets			11,049.68
iabilities and Net Worth			
Accounts Payable		2,169.74	
Amounts Due H. H. Etling		310.68	
Total Liabilities		2,480.42	
Net Worth		8,569.26	
Total Liabilities and Net Worth			11,049.68

Statement of Operation
of
The National Sunday School Board
For Year Ending Dec. 31, 1961

ıcome		
Church Offering		11,392.73
Conference and Conventions		822.17
Honoraria		1,514.38
Special Offerings		1,649.70
Evangelistic Meetings		155.35
Progress Fund Contributions		173.00
Consideration		1,500.00
Supply Sales	9,345.03	
Less Materials Cost	6,450.92	
Less Materials Postage	350.60	2,543.51
Service Sales		318.33
Film Strip Rental	567.10	
Less Filmstrip Postage	12.37	554.73
		20,623.90
xpenses		
Director's Salary	4,496.03	
Director's Allowance	1,800.00	
Office Salaries	6,747.01	
Travel Expense	1,862.58	
Office Postage	1,176.53	
Office Supplies	77.69	
Rent	550.00	
Telephone and Telegraph	238.01	
Administrative Expense	1,123.67	
Social Security	201.97	
Promotion	373.79	
Office Expense	368.39	
Miscellaneous	162.07	
Hospitalization	181.17	
Bad Debts	48.31	
National Sunday School Convention Expense	130.39	
Depreciation	705.93	
Overpayment of Social Security	31.46	
		20,275.00
Income over Expense		348.90

Motion prevailed to elect the following persons to the Sunday School Board:

Lambert Myers—1-year term
James Dixon—3-year term
Vernon Harris—3-year term
Henry Rempel—3-year term
Robert Ervin—3-year term

Motion prevailed to adopt the following report of the Committee on Selective Service:

"Due to the present world unrest morally, spiritually, socially, and especially politically; with the human possibility of the outbreak of war at any time under the present conditions: we, your Committee on Selective Service, desire to place the following recommendation before this Conference:

"That we renew our historic stand with relation to war; namely, that 'The Brethren Church from her origin has been utterly opposed to the use of violence or any physical forces as a means to an end on the part of the children of God. We regard the governments of this world system as being yet unregenerate, and their methods of violence contrary to the methods God has authorized His children in the present age to use. We reaffirm that while war as a possible method for the attainment of justice, or the securing and maintenance of human liberty may at times be deemed necessary among the unregenerate of this world system; yet, according to the teaching of our common Lord and Master, we, as His disciples, do not belong to this world's system and its methods are not our own. We are in the world and not of it, as our Master taught (John 17:14), and must maintain our pilgrim character (Heb. 11:8-16). We recognize and appreciate the protection of the flag of the United States as the nation God has ordained (Rom. 13:1-7) to afford us protection. We gladly offer our service, time, money, and life itself if necessary to bind up its wounds, or to heal its sorrows, by any means or methods our Lord Jesus Christ has approved for the use of those who follow Him.

"We further recommend that, in addition to placing the foregoing on the minutes of this Conference, a copy of this statement be sent to the Secretary of War of the United States, and the Secretary of the Selective Service Act in order that they may be cognizant currently of the time honored position of The Brethren Church.

"Respectfully submitted,
In His Name,
Ord Gehman, Chairman
Robert D. Crees
Glen Welborn."

Motion prevailed to adopt the following recommendation:

"I recommend that Roy H. Kinsey be publicly thanked for his ten years of faithful service. In behalf of the Southern Ohio District (signed), Nate Casement, moderator."

Motion was passed to adjourn.

THIRD SESSION, AUGUST 16

The Membership Committee reported one additional lay delegate, making 208 ministerial and 360 lay delegates, a total of 568 for the third day.

Motion prevailed to accept the Grace Brethren Church of Brookville, Ohio, into the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches.

Motion prevailed to accept the Grace Brethren Church of Jackson, Michigan, and the Grace Brethren Church of Hastings, Michigan, into the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches.

Motion prevailed to adopt the minutes of the last meeting as read.

Motion prevailed to receive the following report as presented by the statistician:

STATISTICIAN'S REPORT OF THE FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES
January 1, 1961 to December 31, 1961

BY DISTRICTS

District	No. Churches		Membership	
	1960	1961	1960	1961
Allegheny	10	11	1,314	1,457
East	15	15	2,431	2,649
Indiana	17	17	1,864	1,959
Iowa	7	8	820	829
Michigan	7	7	453	444
Mid-Atlantic	9	9	1,815	1,652
Midwest	6	6	559	589
Northern Atlantic	7	8	788	812
Nor-Cal	6	6	482	495
Northern Ohio	21	21	3,697	3,858
Northwest	9	9	795	814
Southeast	14	14	2,124	2,143
S. Calif.-Ariz.	31	32	5,783	6,177
S. Ohio	15	17	2,250	2,374
Totals	174	180	25,362	26,402

This report includes churches which may no longer be in existence since it is a report for a particular year. It would be most unusual if it agrees with the report of individual churches which only includes active churches.

CHURCHES FROM WHICH NO REPORT WAS RECEIVED THIS YEAR

East Butler, Pa.
Southeast Boones Mill, Va.

No reports have been received from the following churches for 1960 or 1961 and they have been dropped from the report this year.

Midwest Arroya Hondo, N. Mex.
Ranchos de Taos, N. Mex.
Northern Atlantic Boston, Mass.
So. Calif.-Ariz. Oxnard, Calif.

The following churches did not report until after Mar. 1, 1962:

Allegheny Grafton, W. Va.
Summit Mills, Pa.
Stoystown, Pa.
Uniontown, Pa.
East Altoona, Pa.
Iowa Davenport
Winona, Minn.
Michigan Lansi
Midwest Beaver City, Ne
Northern Atlantic Allentown, P
Hatboro, P
Waynesboro, P
Northern Ohio Mansfield (Woodvill
Nor-Cal Tra
Northwest Spokane, Was
S. Calif.-Ariz. Be
Garde
LaVer
Long Beach (Firs
Los Angel
San Die
South Pasade
Southeast Roanoke, Va. (Washington Hts.
S. Ohio Clayt
Ketteri
Covingt
Vandal
W. Alexandr

Total Churches——180
Late reports ——27

The following churches did not report unt June 1 or later and as a result in some i stances the information from these churches not included in this report.

East Johnstown (First
Iowa Waterl

NEW CHURCHES REPORTING

Northern Atlantic Lancaster, P
S. Calif.-Ariz. Tucson, Ari
LaHabra, Cali
S. Ohio Vandal

CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES MEMBERSHI

	1960	19
Total membership reported last year (Corrected)	25,398	25,6
Added		
By letter from other denominations	112	2
By letter from other Brethren churches	427	4
By baptism	1,755	1,6
Other	71	1
Total additions	2,388	2,4
Lost		
To other denominations by letter	327	3
To other Brethren churches	469	4
By death	175	1
By dismissal	67	
Other	1,199	1
Total losses	2,237	1,6
Total baptized membership in all fields ..	25,9	

In accordance with the request of last year's National Conference, we are including th report from Brethren Churches in other land this year. This year, it seems wise to only in clude the total figures for all of the fields.

AUXILIARY ORGANIZATIONS

Bible School	1960	1961
Nursery, 0-3 years	2,501	2,7
Kindergarten, 4-5 years	3,096	2,9
Primary, 6-8 years	4,620	4,7
Junior, 9-11 years	4,595	4,6
Intermediates, 12-14 years	3,511	3,6
Seniors, 15-17 years	2,826	2,9
Young People, 18-24 years	1,901	2,0
Adults, 25 and over	11,418	11,3
Staff and teachers	2,742	3,0
Total enrollment	37,279	28,2
Cradle Roll enrollment	1,182	1,3
Home Department enrollment	312	3

SERVICES

	Average Attendance	
Bible School	26,473	27,0

Child Evangelism	1,475	1,466
Vacation Bible School	16,434	16,369
Women's and Girls organizations		
Women's Missionary Council	4,132	3,020
Sisterhoods	2,760	2,438
Other	386	201
Men and Boy's organizations		
Laymen	1,650	1,245
Boy's groups	968	1,035
Morning Worship	21,564	21,951
Evening Worship	12,209	13,215
Midweek Prayer Service	6,866	6,610
Revival-Evangelistic	10,204	10,446
Bible Conferences	4,375	5,107
Other	1,960	2,816
Communion	10,914	11,124
Conversions (recorded)	2,887	3,190

PROPERTIES AND VALUATIONS

Church buildings	11,719,841.00
Equipment	1,317,075.00
Parsonages	1,086,750.00
Other properties	1,776,742.00
Other investments	167,422.00
Net balance in treasuries (less National offerings)	268,600.00
Total assets	16,336,430.00
Indebtedness on properties	3,790,655.00
Net worth	12,545,775.00

EXPENDITURES

Local	
Bible School	173,651.00
Building	
New building	621,631.43
Improvements (equipment)	93,739.95
Debt payments	
Principal	314,621.28
Interest	166,561.61
Other	30,735.00
Total	1,227,289.27
Pastor's salary	
Base salary	645,735.52
Designated for housing	57,432.16
Estimated parsonage rental	62,766.70
Utilities allowance	15,123.76
Car allowance	35,134.15
Total Salaries	836,059.98
Paid by local church	645,735.52
District Board	10,364.44
Home Missions Council	74,524.58
Other	9,123.82
Other regular salaries paid	207,873.78
Operation expenses (utilities, etc.)	435,479.93
Evangelistic Services (expenses only)	20,081.53
Bible Conference and other	22,964.91
Auxiliary Organizations	77,604.85
Youth Camps	9,078.57
Other local expenditures	73,381.72
Total for Local	3,083,465.81
Local funds on hand	266,273.22
For Others	
Foreign Missions	
Brethren	305,373.31
Other	26,582.84
Total	331,956.15
Home Missions	
Regular	154,270.71
Jewish—H.M.C.	10,343.19
Navajo—H.M.C.	19,025.54
Other thru H.M.C.	1,561.75
District Missions	26,426.06
Other	29,980.40
Total	241,611.65
Christian Education	
Grace Seminary and College	111,570.91
Christian Day Schools	427,143.84
Other	3,940.48
Total	542,655.23
Sunday School	
National Sunday S. Board	12,912.80
Other	4,823.11
Total	17,735.91
Youth Work	
Brethren Youth Council	6,373.99
Other	3,783.36
Total	10,157.35
Publications	
Herald Company (gifts)	19,383.13
Other	1,277.63
Total	20,660.76
Evangelism	
Evangelistic Meetings and Bible Conferences	30,851.00
Board of Evangelism	3,351.31
Other	5,284.36
Total	39,491.67
Total Expenditures for Local and for Others	4,276,944.34
Balance in treasuries (all funds)	331,591.63
Foreign Missions	346,780.89
Home Missions (General)	139,584.21
Jewish	16,049.68
Navajo	32,745.98
Special Gifts	9,128.92
Total for H. M.	197,508.79
Grace Seminary and College	
General	83,434.03
Special	14,847.75
Building	41,730.97
Total	140,012.75
Sunday School Board	11,392.73

Respectfully submitted,
Russell L. Williams
National statistician

Motion prevailed to table the matter of the following additional report of the statistician:

"That any church that turns in a late report pay an additional fee equal to half their original registration fee for every week they are late, whether they send delegates to Conference or not."

Motion prevailed to adopt the report presented by the National Youth Council, as follows:

BRETHREN YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT FOR 1961-1962

The Brethren Youth Council wishes to take this opportunity to commend its director and office staff for the fine work and accomplishments of the past year.

In his first year with the Brethren Youth Council, director David Hocking has been well received wherever he has gone in his work with youth and youth leaders. His report indicates personal contact with 44 churches in nine districts. He has traveled some thirty thousand miles, and has conducted a total of 141 various types of meetings.

Through his personal ministry, and that of the Youth Evangelism Team, some 289 young people have registered decisions for Christ. We are indeed appreciative of the work of Mr. James Custer, and Mr. John Schumacher, our youth director's co-workers in the field of Youth Evangelism.

The activities of this team will be continued through the coming year on weekends in areas to which they will have access from Winona Lake. Engagements are largely accepted on a "First come, first served" basis, and are made through the office of the Brethren Youth Council.

We also express our appreciation for the fine work done by our office assistant, Mrs. Kenneth Herman, during the school year, and by Miss Charlotte Henning, and Miss Janet Hammers, who have also helped in the production of Youth Council materials during the past year. Mrs. Herman will continue to work with the Youth Council during the coming year.

During the year, the name of the Youth council-sponsored competition was changed from "Spiritual Competition" to "National Achievement Competition," in an attempt to be more accurate in describing the purposes of this program. Known by the initial, "NAC" has continued to arouse interest among young people in churches across the Nation. This year there are entries in all phases of the competition from nine of our fourteen districts. The Achievement Competition will be continued during the coming year, with the Youth Council pursuing a goal of participation from every district of our National Fellowship during the coming year.

In an attempt to establish better communications with various district youth committees, and others vitally interested in district and national youth programs, the Brethren Youth Council sponsored, during this conference, a luncheon meeting for the purpose of challenge, communication, and discussion regarding matters of common concern to the Youth Council and members of district youth committees. One hundred nineteen persons were in attendance at this luncheon, and the Council has recommended that this be an annual event, and hereby petition the executive committee of the 1963 conference to include this event on Wednesday immediately following the business session in next year's conference.

Again this year special bulletins were prepared and programs suggested for the observance of National Youth Week in our churches. In churches in which the programs were put into operation, fine reports were received both from young people and adults. The Brethren Youth Council wishes to encourage and admonish all churches to make an effort to have a real Youth Week during the period of January 27 to February 3, 1963. Please see that materials get into the hands of the persons who, through your youth can bring them to life in your church.

This year's National Youth Conference with a registration of approximately 227 camp delegates and counselors gives evidence of being another spiritual mountaintop experience for those in attendance. Many decisions for Christ, for missionary service, and for complete life dedication have already been made under the spiritual leadership of our National Youth director with fine cooperation from our Brethren Board of Evangelism, and our Foreign Missionary Society. Pray for continued evidence of the leading of the Holy Spirit as this conference draws to a close. Make plans now to attend the Saturday evening conference session for a real demonstration of the work of the Brethren Youth Council through the National Achievement Competition and the National Youth Conference.

In the area of youth publications, the Youth Council began this year a new communications sheet for teens entitled, "Teenage Times." This is shipped in bulk quantities to all churches who request it for distribution to all teens of the church. If you have not been receiving or utilizing this fine teen paper, the Council urges you to investigate, and request it through the Brethren Youth Council office.

"The "Brethren Bookworm" of former years has evolved this year into "The University Letter." The report of its distribution, along with that of the "Teenage Times," is included in our printed report.

Leads for Leaders, the quarterly publication designed for pastors and youth leaders will be expanded this year by action taken this week by the Brethren Youth Council. With this expansion there will also be an increased need for good ideas which may be shared among our various youth groups.

Frankly, your Youth Council sometimes is tremendously concerned about the continued lack of interest in cooperation displayed again this year by the majority of pastors and churches. For example, our last year's report carried the disconcerting news that only 64% of our pastors cooperated with the Youth Council in furnishing us with the needed report of names of young people in college, names of youth leaders to whom promotional materials should be sent, et cetera. This year, the figure has been reduced to less than 48%. We beseech your cooperation in this important matter, and have pledged ourselves to use every effort to make failure in this regard as difficult for you as possible.

The financial picture is also somewhat disconcerting, even though we have had a relatively successful year in this regard. The motion of last year's conference suggesting the adoption of a goal of 50c per member for the Youth Council by each cooperating church has not been implemented in any great degree. In fact, the proposed $13,500 income from church gifts, which would enable Youth Council to enter a full-time program of youth aid and help, was far from reached. Church gifts decreased from nearly $8,500 to about $6,000, and only the increased interest of the Women's Missionary Council, the SMM, and the various denominational boards have made it possible for us to finish the year in a nearly solvent financial condition. This lack of financial response has forced the Youth Council to cancel and postpone plans for an increasingly effective youth ministry.

One of our greatest concerns as a Youth Council is in the area of the Sunday Evening Youth Program. The Council has adopted a resolution that we recommend as first choice of program material for the Sunday Evening Youth Program that which is published by Scripture Press under the title "Training Hour." This material is now available in a three-year graded curriculum for both Junior Hi and Senior Hi Youth groups, and consists of Youth Guides for young people, and Sponsor's Guides for adult advisors.

In an effort to aid our churches in the utilization of this material, the Council has set itself the goal of beginning on January 1 of 1963 to furnish supplementary material to all our churches which can be used separately or in coordination with Scripture Press "Training Hour" material. Full information regarding this program will be sent to all churches and youth groups this fall. (Move adoption of this report).

The following names were placed in nomination for a three-year term on the Brethren Youth Council: Edwin Cashman, Ralph Gilbert, and Leo Polman. Motion prevailed that the nominations cease and that these three men be declared elected.

Motion prevailed that Mrs. Ted Henning be approved as SMM representative to the Brethren Youth Council.

Motion prevailed to adopt the following recommendation of the Youth Council:

That the Conference recommend to the hurches through a letter to be sent by the onference secretary to the secretary or clerk of ach church, that each church discuss in either general business meeting, or in its policy-mak-g body, the part the church should have in he matter of support for the Brethren Youth ouncil, that the Conference approve the amount fifty cents per member as a reasonable goal r church support for the Brethren Youth ouncil, and that this letter be sent not later han November of 1962."

Motion prevailed to approve the financial report of the National Youth Council, as follows:

BRETHREN YOUTH COUNCIL
Financial Statement to July 31, 1962

Balances on hand 8/1/61		
General Fund	94.72	
Bethany	704.94	
Home Missions Project	514.34	
Designated	35.00	
		1,349.00
Receipts		
Youth Partner	2,135.37	
Church Gifts	4,798.44	
Other Gifts	2,735.38	
Sales, Merchandise	399.10	
BYF Gifts	974.27	
Miscellaneous	217.75	
		11,260.31
Disbursements		
Director's salary	3,100.00	
Travel expense	666.91	
Note paid to BIF	800.00	
Office and mailing supplies, promotion, Youth week, etc.	2,380.37	
Telephone	200.24	
Office equipment and maintenance	424.75	
BYC share of F.I.C.A. and last year's W/H paid	221.86	
Office salaries	1,976.15	
Miscellaneous (Bearinger gift, NSSA, etc.)	778.29	
Purchase of merchandise	151.76	
Champion Quiz Team Puerto Rico project.	997.78	
Teenage Times (print and postage)	419.72	
University Letter	297.55	
Merchandise purchased for SMM (to be reimbursed)	150.95	
Total disbursements		12,566.33
Balances on hand 8/1/62		
General fund .. (in the red)	(326.09)	
Bethany	639.80	
Home Missions Project	719.56	
Foreign Missions Project	44.45	
Designated (typewriter table, etc.)	353.09	
Total		1,430.81

Motion prevailed to adopt the following report of the committee on the time and location of next year's National Conference:

"We present the following dates and facilities respecting National Conference of 1963:
"Place: Winona Lake, Indiana.
"Date: Monday, August 12, through Sunday, August 18, 1963.
"Facilities: Winona Lake Auditorium.

Gerald Polman, chairman
Russell Ward, secretary,
1963 Executive Committee."

Motion prevailed to adopt the following report of the Committee on the Proposed Board of Christian Education:

"The Executive Committees of the National Sunday School Board and the Brethren Youth Council submit the following report relative to the direction of last year's conference to 'study the feasibility of combining the operations of these two boards in a Christian Education Board':

"We recognize that there is a great deal of unclaimed territory in the field of Christian Education at the local church level, and we recommend that we look with favor toward expansion and coordination of our present activities in this field.

"The joint executive committees of the S.S. and Youth Boards have requested that a committee composed of Dr. Harold Etling and Dr. Miles Taber, representing the S.S. Board, and Mr. Dave Hocking and Prof. Ralph Gilbert, representing the Youth Board, study various patterns of the total program of Christian Education, which may guide us in progressing toward further coordination and expansion of Christian Education activities in the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches.

Harold Etling, Temp. Chairman
Edwin Cashman, Temp. Secretary"

Motion prevailed to adjourn.

FOURTH SESSION, AUGUST 17

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Motion prevailed to receive the Silverbell Community Grace Brethren Church of Tucson, Arizona, into the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches.

The Membership Committee reported one additional ministerial delegate, making our totals to read 209 ministerial and 366 lay delegates, for a fourth-day total of 575. Motion prevailed to seat this additional delegate.

Motion prevailed to receive into the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches the Grace Brethren Church of Glendora, California.

Motion prevailed to receive into the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches the Grace Brethren Church of Simi, California.

Motion prevailed to adopt the oral report of the Committee on Constitution Revision, and to continue the committee for another year.

Motion was passed to adopt the following report of the Committee on the Christian Day School:

NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOLS

Christian Day Schools included in this report are:

Brethren Navajo Mission and Boarding School, Principal, Howard Vulgamore, Star Route, Cuba, N. Mex.; Whittier Community Brethren, Principal, Dan Shedd (Brethren Elementary and Junior High), 8101 S. Vicki Dr., Whittier, Calif.; Norwalk Brethren, Principal, Myrna Baker (Brethren Elementary), 11005 Foster Rd., Norwalk, Calif.; First Brethren Church, Elementary Principal, Mrs. John Mayes; High School, Principal, Joseph Smith (Brethren Church School), 15733 So. Orange, Paramount, Calif.; Grace Brethren, Principal, Mrs. Johnson (Grace Christian School), 25700 Pacific St., San Bernardino, Calif.; Bethel Brethren, Principal, James Kohlimeyer (Brethren Elementary School), R.R. 3, Box 121, Osceola, Ind.; Grace Brethren, Principal, R. Paul Miller (Grace Kindergarten), 1801 W. Clinton, Goshen, Ind.; Grace Brethren, Principal, R. Paul Miller, Jr. (Mansfield Christian School), 531 Marion Ave., Mansfield, Ohio; Grace Brethren Church, Principal, Mrs. Dorothy Shaeffer (Grace Brethren School), 2940 W. Bethany Home Rd., Phoenix, Ariz.; First Brethren of Inglewood, Principal, Donald Locke (Brethren Elementary and Junior High), 2400 W. 85th St., Inglewood, Calif.; Community Grace Brethren, Principal, Charles Taber, (Brethren Elementary School), 909 S. Buffalo St., Warsaw, Ind.

Signed, Ward Miller
Christian Day School Committee

It was reported that there is no report from the Committee on Regional Retreats.

Motion prevailed to approve the following report of the Finance Committee:

1961 RECEIPTS	
Aug. 26 Balance on hand	2,025.63
Aug. 26. Offering for Youth Council	578.38
Aug. 26 Special offering for Rev. Granville Tucker	17.00
Aug. 27 Sunday Morning offering	125.32
Nov. 6 Special Gift for Bro. Tucker	5.00
Nov. and Dec. Delegate fees from delinquent churches	108.60
June 12, 1962 Refund from 1961 Conf. (Bro. Etling)	26.00
Total	2,885.93
1961 DISBURSEMENTS	
Sept. 3 National Youth Council (spec. offering)	578.38
Sept. 3 H. L. Edwards, postage, envelopes, money orders	9.20
Sept. 3 Rev. Granville Tucker, special offerings	22.00
Sept. 3 Brethren Navajo Mission, Expenses membership committee	17.20
Sept. 13 Electric Service Corp. (Banner)	69.98
Sept. 26 Error in bank deposit of Aug. 28	10.00
Nov. 30 First Brethren, Cheyenne, Statistical work	134.50
Feb. 12, 1962 Missionary Herald, space in annual	1,275.00
Mar. 31 Rev. James Sweeton*	45.00
Mar. 31 Rev. Ralph Colburn*	40.00
Mar. 31 Rev. Ward Miller*	237.53
Mar. 31 Rev. H. H. Etling*	8.50
Mar. 17 Rev. Russell Williams, secy. work statistical secy.	80.00
July 6 Missionary Herald Co., cuts for conference pub.	14.20
July 19 First Brethren, Cheyenne, part statistical exp.	100.00
Aug. 2 Winona Engraving Co., envelopes & rubber stamp	20.00
Aug. 6 Miss Norma Hulliberger, sending credential blanks	5.42
Total	2,666.91
Balance on hand August 13, 1962	219.02

*Expense of Baptismal Committee

Respectfully submitted,
Roy H. Kinsey, Treas.

Motion prevailed to adopt the recommendation from the Executive Committee that we express the appreciation of Conference to the Brethren Missionary Herald Company for the printing of the Conference programs.

Motion prevailed to adopt the following report of the Board of Evangelism:

BOARD OF EVANGELISM

Balance on hand 8/1/61	2,803.53
Total receipts 8/1/61 to 7/31/62	10,908.29
Expenditures 8/1/61 to 7/31/62	7,521.07
Balance 7/31/62	3,387.22

A total of 72 churches supported the work of evangelism during the past fiscal year. This leaves practically 100 churches that showed no interest at all in our national work of evangelism. Our present lack of numerical growth, and also the constantly enlarging deficits that now plague our major boards, are the direct result of this lack of evangelism. Evangelism is our only means of increasing our ability to maintain our present institutions, and to advance and fulfill our great commission from God.

God greatly honored our present limited operation of one team in the field by drawing 524 to make decisions during the 21 campaigns. A lot of hard work went into the year's ministry in the form of 565 personal calls on prospects.

Present campaigns already written up for this one team run through the year 1964.

With half a dozen able teams of evangelists, we could launch a real program that would begin to fulfill our charge from God. If we do not do this, we will have been weighed in the balances and found wanting. The pastor who does not actively support and practice evangelism is simply cutting off his own future.

It is the evangelistic church that provides the vast majority of all the true missionaries and ministers of the Gospel, and that gives its pastor little trouble with worldliness. It is usually those whose hearts are cold, and who do not win souls that are disinterested in evangelism. The Lord Jesus was a soul-winner! All the apostles were soul-winners and evangelists, and died in their devotion to win men for Christ. It's time that such an hour should come again during the closing days of this age.

The following names were placed in nomination for membership on the Board of Evangelism, and were subsequently elected to three-year terms:

Bryson Fetters, Joe Dombek, R. Paul Miller, Sr., and Robert Foltz.

Motion prevailed to adopt the following report of the Committee on Moderator's address:

OMMITTEE ON THE MODERATOR'S ADDRESS

We, your committee on the moderator's address sh to commend our Moderator on his forthght declaration of the Biblical and historical sition of the National Fellowship of Brethren urches.

We also commend the recommendation of our oderator to every one among us to seek the rd's direction in an individual intercession the pastors and churches and related miners and ministeries of our brotherhood as outed by the Holy Spirit in Ephesians, chapters e and three, and in Colossians, chapter one, d elsewhere in the Word.

We further commend his interpretation of the nference theme—"Watch ye, Stand fast, be rong"—in the light of present tendencies toward mpromise which leads to liberalism and ecesiastical ecumenicalism.

We join the recommendation of our Moderator at special emphasis be placed on the Biblical doctrination of our youth. It is they who in e not too distant future will be the spiritual aders of our churches.

May we accept the admonitions our Lord gave the seven Churches of His Revelation and ofit thereby; namely,

1. The quality of our works in love.
2. No compromise, but faithfulness.
3. Beware of professionalism.
4. Beware of the sins of the flesh.
5. Beware of a dead profession.
6. Beware of worldly security.
7. Beware of indifference and self sufficiency.

Respectfully submitted,
W. H. Schaffer
Neil Beery
Lee Crist

Motion prevailed that the following eport of the Committee on Homes for e Aged be adopted:

EPORT OF THE BRETHREN HOME FOR THE AGED

The assignment given this committee is a most portant and involved responsibility. It is imrative that something be done for our older ethren citizens. The desire for a "Home" is ident on every hand. Many requests have alady come regarding residence in such a Home. present, two districts are pursuing the matr of Regional Homes."

1. The Mid-Atlantic District has formed a rporation, "The Grace Brethren Home for the etired." This corporation is now seeking propty and finances. Guests from all our co-operatg Eastern Seaboard churches will be admitted their ability to pay their way.

2. The Northwest District is pursuing a study establishing a Home. The exact progress is ot known.

In the Southern California-Arizona District a ivate Home has been established by Mrs. Glenn 'Neal, and Brethren are extended first oprtunity. This Home is operating now and a pacity of over 30 is anticipated in the near ture.

It is the recommendation of this committee at regional homes for the Retired be estabshed. In some cases several Districts may nite in this venture. Regional Homes are prerred to a National Home as the elderly usually esire to settle down in familiar country and ear relatives.

Especially do we recommend that the Ohio nd Indiana Districts seek to establish a Home the Midwest. It is suggested that Winona Lake ould be an ideal location for a Midwest reonal Home.

This committee urges any Brethren who have roperty or finances for such a Home to make this known to the committee. Separate corporations should be set up for the expedition of each regional Home.

It is further recommended that Dr. Glenn O'Neal, and Rev. Robert Crees be appointed to this committee.

If Conference desires this committee to expedite these corporations, encouraging the same in our districts, authority should be vested and finances allocated for the expenses incurred.

Respectfully submitted,
James G. Dixon, chairman
Ralph Hall, member
The Brethren Home for the Aged

The following report of the Publicity Committee was adopted:

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE REPORT

Your conference publicity committee has appreciated the cooperation of the Brethren Missionary Herald and its executive editor, Richard E. Grant, this past year in the promotion of this year's conference.

Four pages of space regarding conference were run in the Brethren Missionary Herald, along with two pages of accommodations available. We would also like to express our thanks to Allen Zook for donating a picture used on one of the pages.

Inasmuch as this year's conference is being held at Winona Lake, it was decided that a minimum expenditure of money for publicity was necessary in that just about everyone is familiar with the general conference schedule and housing.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Malles, chairman
Kenneth Herman
Joe Dombek
Clyde Landrum

Motion prevailed to adjourn.

FIFTH SESSION, AUGUST 18

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as corrected.

The Committee on the Christian Ministry stated that they have no report to make.

The following report by the Resolutions Committee was adopted:

"We, your Resolutions Committee, present the following resolutions with praise to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit for all the blessings of grace which have been bestowed upon us as a National Fellowship of Brethren Churches:

1. Be it resolved that we reaffirm our faith in the Bible, our only creed, and in the doctrines taught therein, set forth, in part, in the Message of the Brethren Ministry.

2. That we reaffirm our belief that Trine Immersion is THE BIBLICAL FORM OF BAPTISM and that we recommend that churches not depart from the historical practice of requiring trine immersion for church membership.

3. That we reaffirm our belief and practice relative to the Threefold Communion Service and urge all members of the church to observe them faithfully.

4. That we reaffirm our position of separation from worldly alliances, agencies, and tendencies, that we may live godly in the present evil age.

5. That we reaffirm our historic, Biblical position in relation to WAR as set forth in the resolution of 1957.

6. That we reaffirm our stand as being op-

posed to the World Council of Churches and all its auxiliaries.

7. That we are in opposition to all forms of the ecumenical movement as being contrary to the Holy Scriptures and urge vigilance in guarding against any yielding to its subtle tendencies.

1. Be it further resolved that we commend ALL our national boards and organizations for their faithfulness in defending the Biblical beliefs and practices of The Brethren Church, and for their dedication to their distinctive ministries.

2. That we beseech both ministers and members to be more zealous in soul-winning and also in increasing the church membership.

3. That we rejoice in the liberty afforded us under the U. S. Government, and that we pray for those who have authority over us.

4. *In view of the imminent coming of the Lord Jesus Christ,* we urge every member of The Brethren Church to greater faithfulness in ATTENDANCE at all services, financial support, prayer, and Bible study, and that all abstain from every habit that would weaken testimony, striving to live a holy, godly life before all.

Finally, reminding ourselves that the Lord honors and blesses those who prove their love by obedience to the Word of God, let us seek His approval and favor and blessing by faithfulness to our motto: "The Bible, the Whole Bible, Nothing But the Bible."

Committee,
Dr. C. H. Ashman, chairman
Galen Lingenfelter
Herman Koontz

Motion prevailed that we adopt the further recommendation of the Resolutions Committee that we write the proper authorities in Washington, D.C., expressing our Conference support of Senate Resolution 325 "to discourage the serving of alcoholic beverages within the United States Capitol."

The following report by the Stewardship Committee was adopted, including the recommendation that the committee be continued for another year, and that Leo Polman be added to the committee:

REPORT OF THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE N.F.B.C.

The Stewardship Committee has been charged by National Conference with the responsibility of developing and presenting to our churches a cooperative denominational offering plan through the voluntary set-up of an interboard committee, and of providing assistance to our local churches in developing their own stewardship programs.

In pursuance of these objectives, a meeting of the Stewardship Committee with a voluntary interboard committee was held at Winona Lake on February 26, 1962 Each national board was represented by at least two members of its board. The result of that meeting was the following progress toward our objectives:

1. All of the boards agreed to the publication of a pictorial chart presenting the individual annual offering goals of every board in proportion to the total offering goals of all of the boards. Preliminary design of this chart has been approved, and it is hoped that publication can be achieved in time to assist the local churches in establishing their offering goals for 1963.

2. The provision of a denominational weekly offering envelope with all of the national boards represented on it was agreed upon. These envelopes are now available to the churches in boxed sets for each Sunday of the year at a reduction in cost of 20c per box which will be paid by national board subsidy. The share of the subsidy paid by each board will be in proportion to its annual offering received last year.

Information on ordering these envelopes directly from The Duplex Envelope Company in Richmond, Virginia, has been sent to all of our churches, and 35 of the churches have already reported ordering these sets for 1963. The cost per set is about 17c, depending upon the number of sets ordered, and counting on a 25% discount for early ordering.

Information on ordering for 1964 will be sent to the churches before the end of this year.

We recommend that this committee be continued for another year with the addition of brother Leo Polman to the committee by virtue of his closely related work as field representative for Brethren Financial Planning Service.

Respectfully submitted,
The Stewardship Committee
John Aeby, chairman
Russell Ogden, secretary
Kenneth Ashman
James Boyer
Bryson Fetters
Robert Ervin
Kenneth Moeller

Motion prevailed that we instruct the Committee on Constitution Revision to take the following into consideration in their present work of revision:

"To expedite the seating of delegates and the conduct of business in our National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, the following recommendations are presented:

1. All credential forms shall be presented to the Membership Committee by mail or in person not later than Monday noon preceding Conference.

2. The initial report of the Membership Committee shall be mimeographed and distributed to the delegates.

3. Only those churches whose credential forms and statistical reports are in on time shall be seated on the first day of business."

Motion prevailed that only those churches whose statistical reports are in on time shall be seated on the first day of business (of National Conference).

Motion prevailed that we instruct the Committee on Conference Membership to provide at all future Conferences, delegate badges, indicating name and church of delegate, and that we suggest delegates be seated in a reserved section during all business sessions.

The following report of the Auditing Committee was adopted:

THE AUDITING COMMITTEE

The books and records of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, the National Sunday School Board, and the Brethren Youth Council have been audited. Also by request we have audited the books and records of the

ethren Women's Missionary Council and the sterhood of Mary and Martha. These books were und to be correct and in the opinion of the mmittee they reflect the true financial con-tion of the organizations involved. We want express our appreciation to each of these ganizations for the neat and orderly records ept during this past year.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth G. Moeller
Frank J. Poland
Wayne Guthrie

The Committee on Pastorless hurches and Available Men made the llowing report which was received.

"During the past year, ten churches com-unicated with the committee for names of men ho might be contacted to serve as pastors. At e same time four men requested the list of urches that did not have active pastors.

"Twenty names appeared on the availability st that was sent out. However, not all twenty peared at any one time; for men were called churches at various times and were then ratched from the list.

"As far as I can ascertain, three elders who ere on the list sent to churches accepted calls those churches. One elder not on the list arned of an opening through the vacancy list d made a profitable contact resulting in em-oyment.

"Approximately twenty letters were sent out uring the year, several of these as late as the eek before this conference. Hence, I could ot possibly have a report of the total effective-ss of the committee. Nevertheless, I feel suf-cient good has been done to warrant the ntinuation of such a committee. Perhaps it ould have another name, as pastoral relations, one of your choosing.

Respectfully,
Norman Uphouse"

The following final additional report f the Finance Committee was adopted:

62 RECEIPTS	
ug 9—Balance on hand	219.02
ug. 13—Monday evening offering	248.82
ug. 14—Tuesday evening offering	217.10
ug. 14—Delegate fees	2,782.90
ug. 15—Wednesday evening offering	223.84
ug. 16—Thursday evening offering	191.69
ug. 17—Delegate fees	974.40
ug. 17—Friday evening offering	159.14
Total receipts	5,016.91

62 DISBURSEMENTS	
ug. 16—Foreign Missionary Society, stencils & mimeograph	4.08
ug. 17—Dr. Clyde Taylor, speaker honorarium	150.00
ug. 17—Dr. Clyde Taylor, expenses	87.06
ug. 17—Don Ogden, honorariums for musicians	55.00
ug. 17—Russell L. Williams, statistician honorarium	50.00
ug. 17—Clyde K. Landrum, conference secretary honorarium	50.00
ug. 17—R. M. Ward, secretary executive committee honorarium	50.00
ug. 17—Russell L. Williams, balance on adding machine	120.00
ug. 17—Sunday School Board, work for Membership Committee	2.04
Aug. 17—Clyde K. Landrum, Conference secretary expense	13.48
Aug. 17—Charles Ashman, Jr., Constitution Comm. (revision)	7.25
Aug 17—Roy H. Kinsey, Treasurer, postage	2.63
Aug. 17—Westminster Hotel, lodging, meals, and phone Dr. Taylor	26.50
Aug. 17—Winona Lake Christian Assembly, rental of grounds	700.00
Aug. 17—Edson J. Moyer, banner	16.00
Aug. 17—Russell L. Williams, statistician expense	126.75
	1,460.79
Total Receipts	5,016.91
Total Disbursements	1,460.79
Balance on hand, Aug. 18, 1962	3,556.12

Roy H. Kinsey, treas.

The following recommendation from the Ministerium was approved: "That the Conference pay for the reprinting of the forms used in Ordination and Licensure since they are out of print."

The following additional recommendation from the Ministerium was adopted: "That the National Conference defray the cost of the duplicating of the various reports which were used in the preparation of the final report of the Committee on the Baptism-Membership Problem."

Motion was made that the Committee on Homes for the Aged be authorized to expend up to $500 in implementing and fostering the establishing such homes. The motion was seconded. It was passed.

The time was extended ten minutes.

Motion was made to adjourn to 2:30 p.m. for the consideration of the baptism question.

The afternoon phase of the Saturday business session was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by Moderator John Aeby. He read James 1:19-20; 3:13-18.

The Conference Secretary read the report by the Denominational Interests Committee (1960 Brethren Annual, page 20) on the subject of baptism as a requirement for church membership, as given to the 1960 National Conference.

Gerald Polman, secretary of the National Ministerium, presented the following report from the National Ministerium, and motion was made and seconded that the report be adopted:

DIRECTION OF THE SOLUTION

PREFACE

What we offer here is not the solution to the problem, but practical first steps in a process. We realize that we are not providing an ideal solution, but we believe we are pointing out the direction in which a solution lies.

1. We re-affirm our conviction that trine immersion is the Biblical form of Christian baptism. We recommend that any minister or church within our fellowship who practices or advocates the practice of any other form of baptism be considered in violation of the Scriptural view of baptism as understood by The Brethren Church, and shall automatically become ineligible for membership in the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches or its conference.

2. We recognize the liberty of any local congregation to establish the basis for its own membership within the doctrinal framework commonly adopted by The Brethren Church. However, for the sake of unity in our beloved Fellowship, we recommend that churches not depart from the historical practice of requiring trine immersion for church membership.

3. We recommend that, in light of our present church problem, which relates to the requirements for church membership and the additional problems that have been raised in this connection, the National Fellowship of Brethren Ministers, during a period of approximately five years, make a special study of the Doctrine of the Church and its Ministry.

4. For the sake of unity, the churches involved have graciously refrained from sending delegates to National Conference and have volunteered not to submit delegates for an indefinite period. We commend these churches for their stated intent and apparent desire to remain in the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. We also recommend that delegates from any Brethren church, receiving members that have not been baptized by Trine Immersion shall be granted, by special action, full courtesies of the Conference during the above mentioned period, provided these delegates have been baptized by trine immersion. These courtesies shall include the right to vote on all issues except the question of baptism in relation to church membership.

5. That after the above mentioned study of the Doctrine of the Church and its Ministry, the question shall be referred back to the National Ministerium for full discussion and from there back to the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches for full and open discussion in order that we may come to a decision in harmony with the Word of God.

6. We further recommend that a doctrinal statement be formulated, articulating the great truths of Scripture, taking into account the Message of the Brethren Ministry, along with its proposed revision of 1953, as well as other historical Brethren statements. This doctrinal statement should include a definition of the relation of the statement to Scripture, and an explanation of the nature of doctrinal (confessional) subscription.

Motion was made and seconded to table the motion regarding the National Ministerium's report until the next National Conference. The motion failed to pass (yes 136, no 170).

The following substitute motion was made and seconded:

"In view of the fact that the ministers have spoken many times on this proposal in our ministeriums, and have not agreed, and ou delegates have not been exposed to this back ground discussion, and in view of the fact tha Conference is not ready to pass on this matte at this time,

"I recommend that we authorize the Executiv Committee of this Conference to explore th sentiment and desire of The Brethren Church o this important issue upon two levels:

1. *District level*
To do this they should seek to have every dis trict conference consider this report fairly and report to next year's Conference by dis tricts its approval or disapproval of this pro cedure for solution.

2. *On local level*
That every church be asked to study thi proposal, and through polling or roll call ou Executive Committee be able to enlighten thi Conference as to the feeling of The Brethrer Church on the local level."

The previous question was moved.

A standing vote was called for. It was passed. The substitute motion was carried (yes 141, no 135).

Motion was made that this Conference ask the Brethren Missionary Herald Company to open its pages to a discussion of the general theme of baptism by trine immersion as a requirement for membership in The Brethren Church, and that we offer to the Brethren Missionary Herald Company a screening committee of three people to be appointed by this Conference to approve the articles to be presented. The motion did not pass.

The following recommendation by the Brethren Youth Council was passed:

"In the light of an urgent need to further expand the youth program of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, we move that this Conference appropriate a sum of $500 as subsidy for the work of the Brethren Youth Council."

There was a motion to adjourn sine die.

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January 1, 1961 to December 31, 1961

BALANCE SHEET

ets:	
n in banks and on hand	37,728.88
ounts receivable	12,881.80
es receivable—General fund	57,047.79
es receivable—Annuity fund	36,278.21
T. & T. Stock—Annuity fund	1,979.45
General Fund Properties:	
Missionary Residence, Winona Lake (old)	15,000.00
Missionary Residence, Winona Lake (new)	45,616.36
Missionary Residence, Calexico, Calif.	8,500.00
Lots in Canton, Ohio	1,036.64
Annuity fund properties	90,707.43
Less: Depreciation on annuity fund properties	4,285.38
Book inventory	1,756.81
Equipment for office and deputation work	11,587.36
Less: Depreciation on equipment account	2,694.40
	313,141.00
Liabilities and Net Worth:	
Notes payable	114,225.39
SMM funds for investment	2,500.00
Accrued withholding taxes	160.61
Mortgage on New Missionary Residence	24,894.86
Annuities in force	133,122.20
Net worth of funds	38,237.94
	313,141.00

INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT

Income—	
Gift total for 1961	346,780.89
Annuity investments	16,766.37
General fund interest	2,108.69
Miscellaneous	167.30
	365,823.25
Expenses—	
Administrational:	
Office salaries	28,441.98
Telephone, telegraph, cable, and taxes	1,064.16
Postage	1,451.37
Rent	2,340.00
Office stationery and supplies	1,030.89
Board meeting expenses	619.00
Maintenance on office equipment	342.62
Legal and audit	245.00
Depreciation on office and deputation equipment	500.00
Insurance	209.20
	36,244.22
Promotional:	
Echoes publication	2,630.65
Foreign Missions issue of Brethren Missionary Herald	5,875.10
Publicity (bulletins, newsletters, etc.)	6,370.40
Travel expenses in USA	2,158.69
	17,034.84
Missionary and field expenses:	
Missionary Residences, Winona Lake	3,325.86
Field expenditures	74,150.57
Missionary furlough travel	28,944.28
Missionary personnel	168,459.08
	274,879.79
Other:	
Annuity interest expense	8,394.97
Annuity property expense	8,079.07
Appropriations to EFMA & BYC	375.00
General fund interest	6,653.56
	23,502.60
Total expenses	351,661.45
Excess of income over expenses for 1961	14,161.80

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January 1, 1961 to March 31, 1962

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Assets	
Cash, checking account	48,818.9
Petty cash	25.0
Account receivable	586.3
Notes receivable	5,168.7
Contract receivable	1,200.0
Annuity Funds invested	105,543.4
Advances receivable	2,882.1
Deferred chgs. for contingent notes payable	473,304.5
Deferred hospital insurance	327.8
Mission property—land and building	110,500.0
Airplane	4,766.6
Leasehold improvements	2,323.5
Office furniture and equipment	5,058.1
Photography equipment	3,628.4
Auto and trucks	11,188.0
Promotional film	948.2
Total assets	776,269.9
Liabilities	
Notes payable	126,401.0
Contingent notes payable	473,304.5
Accrued federal withholding tax	213.5
Accrued gross withholding tax	67.4
Accrued social security tax	110.4
Total liabilities	600,096.9
Accountabilities	
Annuities	105,800.0
Net Worth	
Surplus account	70,373.0
Total liabilities, accountabilities, and net worth	776,269.9

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June 30, 1962

Assets		
Cash in bank—checking account		68,979.0
Reserve funds		405,809.2
Notes receivable		2,583,726.3
Office equipment	4,279.92	
Less reserve for depreciation	2,154.16	2,125.7
Total assets		3,060,640.4
Liabilities		
Loans payable (Note A)		2,795,741.7
Savings accounts (Note B)		85,869.5
Annuities		102,821.1
Payroll taxes and taxes withheld from payrolls		167.2
Total liabilities		2,984,599.5

et Worth	
urplus	76,040.85
Total Liabilities and Net Worth	3,060,640.42

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Assets	
Cash on hand and in banks	4,727
Investments	181,419
School Property and Equipment	980,172
Accounts Receivable	12,497
	1,178,816
Liabilities	
Notes Payable	14,045
Mortgages Payable	172,885
Annuities invested in plant	34,719
Deposits and obligations	94,682
Accountabilities	136,349
Net Investment in Plant	758,521
Surplus Account	(32,387.9
	1,178,816

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Annual Meeting of the Brethren Missionary Herald Corporation

August 14, 1962—11:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by e president of the corporation, R. D. rees.

Prayer was offered by Dr. Herman . Hoyt.

The financial reports and membership ts were distributed.

A motion was made and passed that e persons listed be voted members of e corporation with the privilege of oting in the business sessions, pro-ded they are members of Brethren urches.

The secretary reported the results the ballot election of trustees by ail. Those elected for three-year terms e Bryson Fetters, Ralph Colburn, Wil-m Schaffer, and Charles Turner.

A motion prevailed that the follow-g names be placed in nomination for embership to the board of trustees for ree-year terms:

Herman A. Hoyt—Alva Conner
Robert D. Crees—Russell Ward
E. William Male—Earle Peer

The general manager presented the nancial report covering the period of ly 1, 1961 to June 30, 1962.

A motion prevailed that the report e accepted as given.

The executive editor-general man-er reported a successful first year his new position with the Brethren issionary Herald Company. He spoke the great challenge of spreading the ospel through the printed page and licited the prayers of the corporation embers for the success of this min-ry.

The minutes of the meeting were read d approved.

A motion prevailed to adjourn the eeting.

The meeting was closed with prayer William Male.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

ASSETS

Current Assets		
sh in register		$ 50.00
tty cash		250.00
sh in bank		4,172.73
Loans receivable	8,500.00	
		12,972.73
Accounts receivable		26,802.19
Inventory—merchandise		42,753.32
Inventory—supplies		1,809.70
Total current assets		84,337.94
Non-Current Assets		
Land		4,000.00
Buildings	153,446.26	
Reserved for depreciation	18,562.45	
		134,883.81
Furniture, fixtures, and office equipment	17,396.43	
Reserved for depreciation	12,361.95	
		5,034.48
Shop equipment	10,971.96	
Reserved for depreciation	10,196.73	
		775.23
Truck and station wagon	3,848.00	
Reserved for depreciation	920.60	
		2,927.40
Total non-current assets		147,620.92
Other assets (Prepaid expenses)		1,425.00
Total assets		233,383.86

LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable	4,694.73	
Accrued federal withholding tax	300.40	
Accrued social security tax	182.59	
Accrued gross withholding tax	104.19	
Accrued hospitalization insurance	1.36	
Total current liabilities		5,283.27
Non-Current Liabilities		
Notes payable		
First National Bank—Warsaw	14,391.06	
Lincoln National Bank—Fort Wayne	14,391.29	
		28,782.35
Annuities		9,000.00
Net worth		190,318.24
Total liabilities		233,383.86

CONDENSED OPERATING STATEMENT

Income		
Merchandise sales	137,086.15	
Subscriptions	26,498.94	
Cooperating boards	16,452.57	
Interest	113.75	
Total income		180,151.41
Cost		
Purchases	94,658.22	
Outside work	19,262.85	
Salaries	38,914.08	
Depreciation	5,333.04	
Consideration to National Sunday School Board	1,500.00	
Operating expenses	18,505.75	
Rental expense	142.25	
Total cost		178,316.19
Net gain		1,835.22
Gifts		
Free literature and gifts	4,785.58	
Grace College Journalism conference	330.95	
		5,116.53
Net loss		3,281.31

Publication offering		
Receipts in gifts	18,103.65	
Expenses	1,563.35	
		16,540.30
Total net gain		13,258.99
Total cost of real estate and buildings		157,446.26
Equity from former property and payments to date		128,663.91
Balance of building debt		28,782.35
Principal paid—current period		5,607.83
Interest paid—current period		1,592.17
Total		7,200.00

Note—The books of the Brethren Missionary Herald Company are open for inspection by any member of the Corporation.

The Brethren Women's Missionary Council

Theme for 1962-63—Kept by the Power of God (I Pet. 1:5).

WMC Officiary

Pres.—Mrs. Thomas Hammers, 1011 Birdseye Blvd., Fremont, Ohio.

First V. Pres. (proj. chmn.)—Mrs. Leslie Moore, Box 87, Sunnyside, Wash.

Second V. Pres. (prog. chmn.)—Mrs. Robert Griffith, 822 Knorr St., Philadelphia 11, Pa.

Rec. Secy.—Mrs. Jack Peters, 241 Bryan Place, Hagerstown, Md.

Asst. Rec. Secy.—Mrs. Williard Smith, 400 Queen St., Minerva, Ohio.

Fin. Secy.-Treas.—Mrs. Robert A. Ashman, 602 Chestnut Ave., Winona Lake, Ind.

Lit. Secy.—Mrs. Benjamin Hamilton, Box 701, Winona Lake, Ind.

Editor—Mrs. Norman Uphouse, R.R. 3, Warsaw, Ind.

Prayer Chmn.—Miss Elizabeth S. Tyson, 105 Seminary Dr., Winona Lake, Ind.

Patroness of SMM—Mrs. T. R. Henning, 8399 Middlebranch Ave., N.E., Middlebranch Ohio.

District WMC Presidents

Allegheny—Mrs. John Hottle, R.R. 1 Friedens, Pa.

East—Mrs. Clair Gartland, R.R. 1 Box 288, Conemaugh, Pa.

Indiana—Mrs. Herman Schumacher 4718 W. Indiana Ave., Elkhart, Ind

Iowa—Mrs. Ray Andrew, Leon, Iowa

Michigan—Mrs. Ward Tressler, 52 Thomas L. Pkwy., Lansing, Mich.

Mid-Atlantic—Mrs. James Dixon, 592 John Adams Dr., Washington 22 D. C.

Midwest—Mrs. Robert Salazar, 15 Pueblo Luna Dr., N.W., Albuquerque N. Mex.

Northern Atlantic—Mrs. Lester Smitley 537 Revere Terrace, Warminster Pa.

Nor-Cal—Mrs. Arthur Pekarek, 143 Arbutus Ave., Chico, Calif.

Northwest—Mrs. Carl Miller, Box 6 Harrah, Wash.

Northern Ohio—Mrs. Gerson Lauben der, 8745 Mapleton St., S.E., Eas Canton, Ohio.

Southeast—Mrs. Lester Kennedy, R.R 1, Limestone, Tenn.

So. Calif.-Ariz.—Mrs. Merline Schlange 4615 Gundry Ave., Long Beach 7 Calif.

Southern Ohio—Mrs. Ralph Zimmer man, 36 Wampler Ave., Dayton 5 Ohio.

Number of Councils 22

Number of members 439

Honorary councils in foreign fields 4

FINANCIAL REPORT—1961-62

Balance—July 29, 1961		7,940.5
Receipts		
General Conference offering 1961	753.76	
Credential offering 1961	302.25	
Sisterhood of Mary & Martha	400.00	
General and Publication offering	2,850.58	
Home Missions offering	3,751.64	
Christian Education offering	3,182.08	
Foreign Missions offerings	3,589.29	
Thank offering (Jewish)	5,542.08	
Missionary Birthday offering	4,276.01	
Missionary Residence offering	1,305.85	
Home Missions—special	1,758.29	
Foreign Missions—special	2,264.39	
Grace Seminary—special	1,104.11	
National Youth Board—special	143.19	
SMM special offering	149.40	
Total receipts		31,372.9
Disbursements		
General expense	4,766.19	
Home Missions	3,751.64	

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tional Youth Board—special	143.19
M special offering	149.40
Total disbursements	31,374.18
sh balance, July 31, 1962	7,939.28

NATIONAL WMC RECOMMENDATIONS

WE RECOMMEND

1. That a consecration service be held annually in each local council to renew membership.

2. That each local president endeavor to attend district meetings and National WMC Conference, her council aiding in expenses if at all possible.

3. That we send good usable clothing to the following missions; each local council to be responsible for entire expense: Taos, New Mexico—Adult and Children's clothing—parcel post to: Sam Horney, Box 1531, Taos, New Mexico. Motor Freight: Sam Horney, Box 1531, Taos, New Mexico.

Brethren *Navajo Mission—Children's Cotton clothing ONLY*—(up to 15 yrs.) parcel post: Brethren Navajo Mission, Star Route, Cuba, New Mexico. Express Motor Freight: Brethren Navajo Mission, Star Route, Cuba, New Mexico.

Albuquerque, New Mexico—Adult and Children's clothing. parcel post or Motor Freight to: Rev. Robert Salazar, 153 Pueblo Luna Drive, N.W., Albuquerque, New Mexico.

4. That officers in the local councils be elected in June, installed in July, and take office at the August meeting. The statistical reports compiled by the retiring president must be in the hands of the district president by July 1.

5. That each council promote the evangelization of children, encouraging each woman to assist in Sunday school, Vacation Bible School, children's Bible classes, and so forth.

6. That the women in each council continue to show an INCREASED interest in the SMM in all possible ways, such as prayer, work projects, financial help, *and a willingness to serve in an advisory capacity.*

7. That all local and district councils use *BRETHREN talent and support Brethren works.*

8. That the women of each council be encouraged to read and use the Pen Pointers to every possible advantage.

9. That each WMC member be urged to be a faithful steward of the money God has entrusted to her (see Phil. 4:17.)

10. That each council purchase and use the following books. Books may be purchased from the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, Winona Lake, Indiana.

Books Recommended:

250 YEARS . . . CONQUERING FRONTIERS (Kent, Homer A. $3. Brethren Missionary Herald, 1958.)

A stimulating and informative history of the background, origins, and development of our own Brethren church. This book should be familiar to every Brethren woman.

MUFFLED DRUMBEATS IN THE CONGO. (Deans, William A. $2.25 Moody Press, 1961.)

A moving account of the Congo in transition with emphasis on the part Belgian colonial policy and Christian missions had in shaping events. We get a first-hand picture of the tense experiences as missionaries prepare to evacuate stations to which they have devoted many years of their lives.

WOMEN WHO MADE BIBLE HISTORY. (Ockenga, Harold J. $3.50 Zondervan, 1962).

Short character sketches of twenty familiar Bible women presented in a manner to challenge and encourage Christian women of today.

NATIONAL WMC OBJECTIVES FOR LOCAL COUNCILS 1962-1963

1. REGULAR BIBLE READING AND STUDY

First Choice: The entire Bible in 1962-63 (three chapters a day, five on Sunday).

Second Choice: I and II Peter, plus the use of the Scripture provided each day in the Brethren Booklet "Daily Devotions."

Third Choice: Bible Reading of your own choosing.

2. FAMILY DEVOTIONS

The establishment of daily family devotions in every home. We suggest the use of the Brethren booklet "Daily Devotions." The local prayer chairman should be responsible for the family worship emphasis in the local council.

3. PRAYER EMPHASIS

We urge a special time of prayer on the 15th day of the month, using prayer helps provided by our denomination. Each council enlisting prayer warriors from the congregation.

4. SOUL-WINNING

Our goal—every woman a witness and a soul-winner. A systematic visitation and tract distribution program is urged. The local tract chairman keeping a record of tracts used, and the prayer chairman keeping the record of all souls saved; that is, Child Evangelism, VBS, Sunday School, SMM, et cetera.

5 MONTHLY MEETINGS

A minimum of twelve (12) devotional meetings using the Brethren WMC programs.

6. DISTRICT PROJECTS AND RALLIES

As a means of promoting individual growth and enthusiasm for the WMC work, each council take part in the district projects and stress attendance at the rallies.

7. MAJOR OFFERINGS

Please send all monies to the National Financial Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. Robert Ashman—602 Chestnut Avenue, Winona Lake, Indiana.

(1) September, October, November—Home Missions, $3500. Send before December 10, 3d year of the three-year project. Finishing and equipping the dormitory at the Indian Mission.

(2) December, January, February—Christian Education Offering, $3500. Send before March 10. One-half toward furnishing of kitchen appliances for new college dormitory. One-fourth to Brethren Youth Council for general expense. One-fourth to National Sunday School Board for general expense.

(3) March, April, May—Foreign Missions, $3500. Send before June 10. The second year of a project to liquidate the debt on the new Missionary Residence.

(4) June, July, August—General and Publication Fund, $3500. Send before September 10.

(5) Thank offering for Brethren Jewish Missions. Send before June 10. We urge the use of the synagogue banks for the Penny-a-day per-member offering. (Secure banks from the Brethren Home Missions Council.)

(6) Birthday offering to be received during the year for the support of WMC missionaries. Send before June 10. Birthday missionaries for 1962-1963 are:

1. Miss Bertha Abel
2. Mrs. James Marshall
3. Mrs. Marvin Goodman
4. Mrs. Bill Burk

DISTRICT WMC OBJECTIVES 1962-1963

1. Each district is encouraged to recognize those reading the entire Bible through within a year.

2. Every district represented on the national board at National Conference by the president or alternate. It is suggested that expenses, wholly or in part, be paid by the district.

3. A four-minute achievement report to be given at national board meeting, the retiring president to be responsible for a written report which will be read by the presiding officer.

4. That the district project chairman cooperate with the national project chairman toward one display for the National Conference.

5. The district president shall promote the organization of a WMC in every Brethren church in her district.

6. Each district shall sponsor at least one project—said project to be CLEARED THROUGH THE NATIONAL FIRST VICE PRESIDENT TO AVOID DUPLICATION. Each district has the privilege of keeping the project within the district.

7. All district offerings for National Brethren works shall be sent to the national financial secretary-treasurer.

8. Each district shall contribute an annual free-will offering to be used toward the furnishing and repair of the foreign Missionary Residences at Winona Lake, Indiana. This offering shall be sent to the national financial secretary-treasurer by June 30 and shall be used as the committee in charge sees the need.

9. Each district president shall receive the local annual statistical reports and shall compile the district statistical report to be sent to the national secretary by July 20.

10. Each district president shall stress the importance of using the BRETHREN WMC program packets in the local councils to foster unity among us.

11. SMM shall be represented on the district WMC conference program. Each district WMC shall give financial assistance, if possible, that their district SMM patroness or president may attend National Conference.

Sisterhood of Mary and Martha

Theme—"Keep Looking Up"

eme Verse—Psalm 5:3
otto—"Do God's Will"
lors—Green, which stands for service
d represents Martha. White, which
nds for worship and represents Mary.
m—To develop every girl to be a
ing testimony for her Master; to give
ls of dimly-lighted regions an oppor-
nity to know Jesus Christ as their
rsonal Saviour.

SMM National Officers

es.—Joyce Ashman, 602 Chestnut St., Winona Lake, Ind.
Pres.—Linda Moore, Youth Office, Box 617, Winona Lake, Ind.
n. Secy.—Paulette Macon, Youth Office, Box 617, Winona Lake, Ind.
eas.—De Anna Caldwell, Youth Office, Box 617, Winona Lake, Ind.
litor—Rosalie Ash, Youth Office, Box 617, Winona Lake, Ind.
terature Secy.—Nancy McMunn, Youth Office, Box 617, Winona Lake, Ind.
troness—Mrs. T. R. Henning, 8399 Middlebranch Ave. N.E., Middlebranch, Ohio.
s't. Patroness—Mrs. Ralph Hall, R.R. 3, Warsaw, Ind.
t'l. Program Chairman—Mrs. Tom Inman, 590 S. Dale Ct., Denver 19, Colo.

District Patronesses and Presidents

legheny—Pat., Mrs. Frank Brill, R.R. 1, Meyersdale, Pa. Pres., Rebekah Mohler, 45 West St. Charles, Grafton, W. Va.
ast—Pat., Mrs. Ruth Barndt, 773 Grove Ave., Johnstown, Pa. Pres., Ruth Ann Rogers, R.R. 2, Duncansville, Pa.
diana—Pat., Mrs. Scott Weaver, 121 Oregon St., Osceola, Ind. Pres., Lee Ann Ervin, 901 Edgewater, Fort Wayne, Ind.
wa—Pat., Mrs. Leonard Rousselow, R.R. 5, Waterloo, Iowa. Pres., Sally Schrock, 1421 Hawthorne St, Waterloo, Iowa.
Michigan—Pat., Mrs. Jerry Kelley, Box 67, New Troy, Mich. Pres., Marcia Taylor, New Troy, Mich.
Mid-Atlantic—Pat., Mrs. Irvin Miller, 204 North Delaware, Martinsburg, W. Va. Pres., Vicki Shirey, 826 Pine St., Hagerstown, Md.
Midwest—Pat., Mrs. Tom Inman, 590 S. Dale Ct., Denver 19, Colo. Pres., Jean Hall, 852 S. Raritan, Denver 23, Colo.
Nor-Cal—Pat., Mrs. Clara Garber, 470 S. Stockton Ave., Ripon, Calif. Pres., Nancy Cover, 111 Hackberry Ave., Modesto, Calif.
No. Atlantic—Pat., Mrs. Alva Conner, 2231 Swatara St., Harrisburg, Pa. Pres.—Vivian Byers, 202 St. John's Rd., Camp Hill, Pa.
No. Ohio—Pat., Mrs. Robert Wise, 190 Highland Place, Wadsworth, Ohio. Pres., Becky Macon, 457 Winans Ave., Akron 6, Ohio.
Northwest—Pat., Miss Kathleen Bailey, R.R. 1, Sunnyside, Wash. Pres., Judy Fisher, 820 S. 15th., Sunnyside, Wash.
Southeast—Pat., Mrs. William Byers, 165 Christian Ave. N.E., Roanoke, Va. Pres.—Eileen Hunley, R.R. 3, Box 548, Roanoke, Va.
So. Calif.-Ariz.—Pat., Mrs. Martha Penrose, Southgate, Calif. Pres., Diana Rooker, 708 N. Mayo, Compton, Calif.
So. Ohio—Pat., Mrs. John R. Shipley, 1622 Earlham Dr., Dayton 6, Ohio. Pres.—Laura Shope, 948 Martindale Rd., Vandalia, Ohio.

SMM OFFERINGS FOR 1962-1963

1. June-Aug. (due Sept. 10)
 Operation SMM $1,000

2. Sept.-Nov. (due Dec. 10) Home Missions
 Support of LaDonna Smith 1.000

3. Dec.-Feb. (due March 10) Christian Education
 Youth Council—Office Equipment 400
 Grace College—Dorm Room 400
 Sunday School—General Expenses 200
 $1,000

4. April (due May 10)
 Birthday Offering $1,000

5. Mar.-May (due June 10) Foreign Missions
Higher Education of Missionaries
Children 500
Motor Scooter—Icoaraci, Brazil 500

$1,000

LOCAL ORGANIZATION GOALS

Dates must be postmarked no later than specified date

1. At least one cabinet meeting in the fall and one in the spring. The fall meeting to be for program and overall planning, and the spring one for evaluation of your own group.

2. At least one post-card item sent to the national SMM editor using the following suggested schedule, if possible:
November 1—Mid-Atlantic and Northern Ohio
December 1—East and Midwest
January 1—Indiana and Northern California
February 1—Michigan and Southeast
March 1—Allegheny and Iowa
April 1—Northern Atlantic and Northwest
May 1—Southern Ohio and Southern California-Arizona
June 1—Foreign Mission points with SMM's

3. All National Offerings sent in by the specified date.

4. Return the statistical blanks, one to the district secretary and one to the district patroness by July 1. Keep the third one for the local files.

5. That each girl purchase her own handbook at five cents each for Little Sisters and Juniors, and ten cents each for Middlers and Seniors. These may be ordered from the national SMM literature secretary.

Local Notes

1. All Sisterhoods meeting all local organization goals will be recognized as honor SMM's by their district.

2. That each local SMM group ask the local WMC to provide extra women besides the assistant patroness, to become acquainted and help with SMM activities.

3. That local SMM's order additional copies of the WMC number of the Brethren Missionary Herald.

4. Martha Goal No. 1 be sent as soon as completed to the National SMM, c/o Brethren Youth Council, Box 617, Winona Lake, Indiana.

DISTRICT ORGANIZATION GOALS

1. A district project.

2. A display of some activity carried out through the year to be presented at National Conference.

3. District secretary send two statistical reports to the district patroness to be checked, and the patroness in turn will send one to the national general secretary by July 15. Keep the other one for her file.

4. District help their president or girl representative in coming to early board meetings ($15 or more, considering the distance).

District Notes

1. That all districts meeting all district goals be recognized as honor districts.

2. The honor districts having the highest per capita giving to the national, district, and local will receive the honor plaque.

3. That the district patroness contact newly organized churches that they might receive the SMM materials which will help them organize their group.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That we disregard the present National SMM Constitution and follow the present Patroness Handbook until a new constitution is adopted.

2. That we request the Planning Committee with Mrs. Gerald Polman as chairman to organize and construct a new SMM Constitution following completion of the third-year goals.

3. That a new office of national SMM program chairman be created. She shall be a patroness.

4. That the 1963-1964 devotional program be completed and in the hands of the national SMM program chairman by December 31, 1962.

5. That the devotional program committee for 1964-1965 be from the Indiana District with Mrs. Scott Weaver as chairman. And that a skeleton outline of the devotional program be sent to the National SMM program chairman by December 31, 1962.

6. That a love gift of $25 be given to all national officers. That mileage of four cents a mile, one way only, be given to those attending National Conference.

7. That the national board meet pre-

vious to conference 1963 and each member receive $5 per working day present.

8. That Mrs. Carl Miller, chairman of the "Idea Book" committee, continue in this capacity for the year 1962-1963.

9. That SMM be presented to the church in a special service sometime during the month of April. This should be done in cooperation with the pastor and the church program.

10. That the awards for the Personal Goals be as follows:

For memorization of a Book:
1. $7.50 toward an SMM sweater.
2. $7.50 toward National Youth conference.
3. $7.50 toward material ordered from the Missionary Herald.
4. Key Necklace.

For Seniors reading the Bible through:
1. The Amplified New Testament or a Christian Book at the same price $3.95.

The National Fellowship of Brethren Ministers

Chmn.—Dr. Orville Jobson
V. Chmn.—Phillip Simmons
Secy.—Gerald Polman
Ass't. Secy.—Carl Miller
Fin. Secy.—Howard Vulgamore
Treas.—Fred Walter

Minutes

Tuesday, August 14

1. The opening song service was led by Gerald Teeter with Ralph Burns at the piano. J. Paul Miller brought the devotional message on the subject "Christian Love and Unity." Thomas Hammers conducted a season of prayer.

2. Chairman Conard Sandy called the business session to order.

3. R. Paul Miller, Jr., vice chairman, reported for the Membership Committee. Motion was made to adopt the report. Seconded and passed.

4. Introductions: Sherwood Durkee, Don Rough, Douglas Bray, Kenneth Koontz, Howard Snively, Lee Dice, Robert Whited, Jesse Deloe, Jr., Dale Hostetler, Kenneth Russell, Shimer Darr, Fred Shuss, Charles Hall, Haven Hill. Missionaries: Dr. Floyd Taber, J. Paul Dowdy, Edward Miller, Robert Williams, Tom Julien. Chaplain Orville Lorenz.

5. Clair Brickel reported for the Program Committee. Motion was made to adopt the report. Seconded and passed.

6. An additional report was made by the Membership Committee. Motion was made to adopt the report. Seconded and passed.

7. William Schaffer reported for the Nominating Committee. Motion was made to adopt the report. Seconded and passed. Additional nominations were made. Motion was made that nominations cease. Seconded and passed. The Committee proceeded with the voting.

8. Memorials: Dr. Claude Studebaker's death was announced.

9. Edwin Cashman reported for the Brethren Youth Council.

10. Harold Etling reported for the National Sunday School Board.

11. Richard Grant reported for the Brethren Missionary Herald Company. An additional report was made by Ralph Colburn concerning a Brethren Minister's Journal.

12. Announcements were made followed by a motion to adjourn. Seconded and passed. The meeting was closed with prayer by James McClellan.

Wednesday, August 15

1. Devotional period was held with song, message, and season of prayer.

2. A motion was made to accept the minutes as corrected. Seconded and passed.

3. Additional report of the Membership Committee was made. A motion was made to adopt the report. Seconded and passed.

4. Dr. Chas. Ashman, Sr. spoke in memory of Dr. Claude Studebaker.

5. Committee on Commissions reported. Dr. Norman Uphouse presented the purpose as passed by last year's ministerium, and Robert Markley presented the plan of procedure. Motion was made to adopt the report. Seconded. Motion was made to table the motion. Seconded and passed.

6. Election results were reported: Chmn., Dr. Orville Jobson; V. Chmn., Phillip Simmons; Secy., Gerald Polman; Asst. Secy., Carl Miller; Fin. Secy., Howard Vulgamore; Treas., Fred Walter.

7. Ralph Colburn reported for the Baptismal-Church Membership Committee. Motion was made to adopt the report and its presentation to the conference (vote to be by secret ballot). Seconded. Motion was made to amend the report by adding a paragraph to item 5 (page 2). Seconded and passed. Discussion on the original motion as amended was continued. Motion to amend the report to change the word "including" (item 5, page 2) to "excluding," and excluding the phrase beginning with "providing" and ending with "immersion."

8. Introductions: Randall Poyner and Lloyd Herr.

9. Announcements.

10. Motion to adjourn was made. Seconded and passed. Meeting closed with prayer by Henry Dalke.

Thursday a.m., August 16

1. Devotional period.

2. A motion was made to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Seconded and passed.

3. A motion was made to table yesterday's matter (item 7). Seconded and passed.

4. Harold Arrington, financial secretary, presented the following financial report:

NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN MINISTERS
FINANCIAL REPORT, September 1, 1961—August 13, 1962

Balance on Hand, Sept. 1, 1961		197.03
Receipts		0.00
		197.03
Disbursements		
Brethren Missionary Herald Co...	74.75	
Sunday School Board	116.76	
Total Disbursements		191.51
Balance on hand, August 13, 1962		5.52
Accounts Payable		
Missionary Herald Company (James Sweeton Book)	200.00	

NOTE: Financial books have been set up in accordance with a directive passed by this group last year at Estes Park, Colorado.

Respectfully submitted,
Henry Dalke, Treas.
Harold Arrington, Fin. Secy.

A letter was read from the Brethren Missionary Herald Company making a gift to the ministerium of the cost of the printing of the paper by James Sweeton. Motion was made instructing the secretary to write a letter of appreciation for the gift. Seconded and passed. A motion was made thanking the Seminary for making more of the booklets available for sale by paying for their printing. Seconded and passed. Motion was made to adopt the report of the financial secretary. Seconded and passed.

5. The Northern Atlantic District recommended that we adopt a uniform sign advertising our Brethren churches. A motion was made to accept the recommendation and a committee be appointed to consider the matter and bring back a report to this year's ministerium. Seconded and passed. Committee appointed by the chairman: Herman Koontz, Robert Crees, Wendell Kent, Lester Pifer, and Alva Steffler.

6. A motion was made to lay aside the paper scheduled for this morning until Friday. Seconded and passed.

7. A motion was made to remove yesterday's matter (item 7, Wed.) from the table. Seconded and passed. Discussion continued. Motion was made to table the matter. Seconded and passed.

8. Announcements were made. A motion was made to adjourn and meet again at 10:30 p.m. tonight. Seconded

ıd passed. Henry Rempel closed with ayer.

Thursday p.m., August 16

1. Meeting began with a season of ayer.

2. A motion was made that we con-der this a regular business session and ontinue with the matter at hand. Sec-nded and passed.

3. A motion was made to approve the inutes of the morning session as cor-ected. Seconded and passed.

4. A motion was made to take from ıe table the matter tabled (item 7, hurs. a.m.) Seconded and passed. Dis-ussion continued.

5. A motion was made to adjourn ntil the morning session. Seconded and assed. Wm. Schaffer closed with prayer.

Friday a.m., August 17

1. Devotional period.

2. The minutes were approved as ead.

3. By common consent several mat-ers were presented before the discus-ion of Thursday evening continued.

4. R. Paul Miller, Jr. presented an dditional report for the membership ommittee. A motion was made to adopt ıe report. Seconded and passed.

5. The Executive Committee present-d the following committees: Program Committee: Thomas Hammers (chmn.), ames Dixon, Neil Beery. Nominating Committee: Scott Weaver (chmn.), Ray-nond Thompson, William Steffler. Com-nittee on Commissions: to continue rom last year. Motion was made to ap-prove these committees. Seconded and passed.

6. Wendell Kent reported for the niform sign committee:

"The committee for securing signs ad-vertising local Brethren churches met nd discussed the size and types of signs vailable. A sign 18x24 inches seems o be the most desirable and acceptable ccording to most local requirements. It was felt that some destinctive color or design would help to identify our churches all across the country. Contact was made with the Brethren Missionary Herald Company and they agreed to assume the responsibility of securing and marketing the signs. Mr. Steffler would be happy to submit sketches and offer other assistance. We therefore recommend that the Herald Company be requested to proceed with this project.

Respectfully,
Herman Koontz
Robert Crees
Wendell Kent
Alva Steffler
Lester Pifer

A motion was made to adopt the report. Seconded and passed.

7. Wm. Schaffer reported for the Board on Ministerial Benefits.

8. The Thursday p.m. discussion continued. A motion was made to table the matter (item 7, Wednesday a.m.). Seconded and passed.

9. A motion was made to grant the request of Dr. McClain to have his name removed from the report of the Baptism-Church Membership Committee and submit a minority report. Seconded and passed. Dr. McClain read the minority report.

10. A motion was made to adjourn to 9:30 p.m. Seconded and passed. Session closed with prayer.

Friday p.m., August 17

1. Session began with prayer.

2. Minutes of the Friday a.m. meeting were read. A motion was made to approve the minutes. Seconded and passed.

3. A motion was made to include in the minutes the original unanimous report, the subsequent majority report, and the minority report of the Baptismal-Church Membership Committee. Seconded and passed.

ORIGINAL UNANIMOUS REPORT

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BAPTISM-MEMBERSHIP CONTROVERSY

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROBLEM

In order that the National Fellowship of Brethren Ministers might realize the magnitude of the problem that was committed to us, we wish to begin with a rehearsal of certain facts:

1. The fact that some churches in the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, even though continuing to practice trine immersion as the only mode of baptism, have opened their membership to believers from other fellowships or denominations without requiring their baptism by trine immersion.

2. The fact that these churches have been recognized, and their delegates seated at the Southern California-Arizona District Conference.

3. The fact of a growing anxiety in the Brotherhood calling for some definite steps to be taken toward a clarification of the issues and a resolution of the problem.

4. The fact that the churches involved have up to the present, shown no inclination to rescind their action.

In light of this situation, two apparent alternatives immediately presented themselves:

1. That we recommend dismissing the question as a local and/or district problem; that we thereby deny any responsibility on the national level; that we in effect do nothing. While certainly the "easy way out"; that is, in reality, no solution pound the confusion.
at all; it would satisfy no one, and only com-

2. That we recommend codifying absolutely the prevailing practice in The Brethren Church with respect to requirements for church membership, and that we declare the churches mentioned above, and by direct implication the district involved, to have departed from the only possible procedure for a Brethren church. This so-called solution would be a tacit dis-fellowshiping of the congregations involved, and would bring the action of the district into serious question. It would probably lead to a polarization of sentiment in that district, if not to an eventual division in the church.

Our job, as we saw it, was to seek a third alternative. That is what we have tried to do, in full consciousness of the fact that ours was not an ideal solution, and of our great limitations as men.

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2. We recognize the liberty of any local congregation to establish the basis for its own membership within the doctrinal framework commonly adopted by The Brethren Church. However, for the sake of unity in our beloved Fellowship, we recommend that churches use extreme caution in departing from the historical practice.

3. We recommend that, in light of our present church problem which relates to the requirements for church membership and the additional problems that have been raised in this connection, the National Fellowship of Brethren Ministers, during the period of approximately five years, make a special study of the Doctrine of the Church and its Ministry.

4. We further recommend to the National Fellowship of Brethren Ministers that this five-year period be recognized as a time that will give us opportunity to evaluate the effects of the policies that have been initiated; that is, of accepting members on the basis of other than trine immersion.

5. For the sake of unity, the churches involved have graciously refrained from sending delegates to National Conference, and have volunteered not to submit delegates for an indefinite period. We recommend however, that in light of the stated intent and apparent desire of these churches to remain in The National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, the delegates from these churches be granted the full courtesies of the conference including voting privileges during the above mentioned period of five years, providing that the delegates themselves have been baptizd by trine immersion.

6. We further recommend that a doctrinal statement be formulated, articulating the great truths of Scripture, taking into account the Message of the Brethren Ministry, along with its proposed revision of 1953, as well as other historical Brethren statements. This doctrinal statement should include a definition of the relation of the statement to Scripture, and an explanation of the nature of doctrinal (confessional) subscription.

Respectfully and unanimously submitted
by the committee
Ralph Colburn, chairman
Harold Etling, secretary
Glenn O'Neal
Bernard Schneider
Ward Miller
James Sweeton

SUBSEQUENT MAJORITY REPORT

DEFINITION OF THE ISSUES

Time after time, as we discussed the ramifications of the problem, we found ourselves at an impasse. Certain parts of the puzzle seemed to be missing. There were obvious descrepancies in the various presentations of the problem that came from one source and another. There seemed to be underlying factors that we could not define. But gradually it became clear to us that the reason we could not come up with the right answers was because we were not asking the right questions. That is to say, we had not as yet seen the specific question of the baptism controversy in what we now believe to be the proper context. It is now our conviction that this problem is only *a symptom* and not the ailment itself. It is only an effect and not the cause at all. We agree that before we could ever hope to understand the symptom, let alone prescribe any treatment, we must first make a careful diagnosis of the real problem—whatever it might turn out to be.

As a result of our investigation we discovered what appears to be a frightening trend: a quiet, almost inperceptible, perhaps unconscious *withdrawal from the corporate life of the denomination* on the part of pastors, Christian workers, laymen, and entire congregations all over the brotherhood. The condition is not nearly so far advanced in some places as in others, but the trend is still there and can be traced by an objective observer. This withdrawal takes different forms, but includes the withholding of financial support, lack of interest in district and national conferences, and other evidences of a lukewarm attitude toward the denominational program. While this trend has been noticed by others with various explanations, we have been satisfied to simply shrug our shoulders. It is the conviction of our committee that this condition can be traced to a *dissatisfaction and lack of confidence on the part of many pastors and people with respect to our denominational leadership, especially as constituted in various denominational boards.* Whether or not these feelings are justi-

ied is not the point here. The result is the same n either case. We feel that this dissatisfaction as produced the above mentioned withdrawal, nd the present baptism controversy is one small art of this trend. This condition is apparently vhat made it easy for churches to take action vhich they knew would not be generally ac-epted with the fellowship and could result n the sapping of our strength as a fellowship of hurches, and perhaps our dissolution as a power-ul force for the cause of Jesus Christ.

The committee was greatly disturbed by cer-ain statements which have been commonly eard, expressing the attitude that there was ittle concern by some over the danger of our ellowship being broken. Among these state-nents were: (1) "A split in the church is in-vitable"; (2) "We lived through one split, and ve can live through another"; and (3) "This hing is a cancer that must be removed before t spreads." Thus it was evident to us that not nly is there a willingness on the part of cer-ain churches to become independent if necessary, ut also an indication that others would willingly et them depart and consider it good for the enomination and to the glory of the Lord. As ve investigated further we discovered another lass of statements, such as "No one really under-tands the hidden motives of these men"; "These hurches have departed from the faith"; "This is he first step toward liberalism," and other emo-ional descriptions of the situation. Our con-lusion was that the problem had been con-ounded all out of proportion by *misunderstand-ng* and *misrepresentation*. The misunderstanding f the position of another man is one of the itfalls we must constantly avoid. Even after nuch discussion it is often difficult to under-tand another man's viewpoint. How can we ope to have understood one another in the motion-charged atmosphere that has been reated, and in the incomplete and inconclusive resentations that have been made, and in the ace of a mounting pile of collateral correspon-ence that has appeared on the subject? The act that there has been much discussion does not ean that there has been much clarification. ome of those who supposedly represent a "trend" o not even completely understand each other's iewpoints. And there is possibly as much varia-ion within a certain "school of thought" on the ubject as between two different "schools of nought." The result has been tragic. If we isunderstand a certain viewpoint, it is obvious hat we will misrepresent that viewpoint when ve try to explain it to a third party. It is clear o the committee that this has happened. Many ien have stated that they do not know exactly vhat the position of another is, but that they o know that it is not what they once thought was! Of this the committee has been assured: ie men who have taken the position in question sist that their motive is to follow the Word of od more closely and not to depart therefrom.

It is deplorable that pride, politics, and per-onalities become such a factor among men, even hristian men, but they do. And they have in ur present dilemma. It is pride that makes men nwilling to reconsider and perhaps rescind, and is pride that makes men insist that their view ust prevail. It is politics when men use office nd/or powerful persuasion to get other men to ommit themselves and perhaps even "choose des" before the issues are clear. It is a matter f personality when we consider men before sues, when we see persons before principle, nd when it is a matter of who says a thing ther than what was said.

We believe that the combination of Satan and lf has brought us to the point of a precipice, o the verge of denominational suicide. We have omentarily been blinded to the fact that there re great and vital issues on which we are agreed ; Christians and as Brethren, and we are in anger of dividing over a question of procedure here no cardinal doctrine of the faith is in-volved. Our areas of agreement include those of doctrine, ethics, tradition, missionary endeavor, and our outlook on life and the world. Let us, therefore, rediscover the spiritual basis of our unity, especially as it relates to our responsi-bility to one another. We are one in Christ. The problems which arise from time to time do not affect this fact. This reality cannot be sub-ject to the rise and fall of the tide of changing opinion. If my brother is hurt, then I am hurt; if my brother is wrong, then I am wrong; if my brother fails, then I fail. There is a point beyond which this truth cannot be explained, but it is nevertheless real, and we have it on the basis of God's Word and our own spiritual experience. In some sense, we are all responsible for what has happened, what is happening, and what will happen in the future. There just is no warm, cozy, place to which we can escape from our personal involvement in all that transpires. Let us, therefore, demonstrate the truth of the kind of unity we claim in theory. Satan would have us confused and choosing sides while we follow sentiment and human leadership. In this he is a past master, and in this is his delight. We believe that the Holy Spirit would have us con-sider our own common and precious commit-ments as a fellowship of churches, and to wait upon one another in the love and patience of Jesus.

We are convinced that the solution of our problem lies in three steps which we respect-fully and prayerfully recommend to every Breth-ren minister: repentance, respect, re-appraisal.

As to *repentance*, we believe that all of us need a fundamental change of outlook that issues from our innermost heart; we believe that no Brethren minister is in any position to judge another, but rather, more than ever before, we need honest and brutal self-judgment. Imme-diately many will be responding: "Yes, I wish those who hold different position from me would do this." But there must be a change of heart attitude by all of us if this is to be effective

As to *respect*, we believe that it is sin to look upon another man with either contempt or condescension. As Christians and as ministers we are committed to the idea of the sacredness of the human personality; let us, therefore, in every possible way, demonstrate our deep and sincere respect for others—their persons, their ideas, and their convictions.

As to *re-appraisal*, we suggest that there is no aspect of our lives or service as individuals, as churches, and as a fellowship of churches, that should escape a close scrutiny in response to the Word of God, the Holy Spirit, and our consciences. There are areas in which hypocrisy, spiritual pride, and inconsistency have lurked for years. God cannot bless and use us until these conditions are changed.

With malice toward none, and without any attempt to fix blame, but in all humility toward God and our brethren, we say, "Let judgment begin at the house of God," and perhaps we can yet see the revival for which we have all prayed.

MINORITY REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE BAPTISMAL PROBLEM

1. We reaffirm our conviction that triune im-mersion is the Biblical form of baptism, and recommend that any in our Fellowship who practice or advocate any other form of baptism be considered in violation of the Scriptural view of baptism as understood by The Brethren Church. (Same as Committee Report)

2. We recognize the liberty of the local con-gregation to establish the basis for its own mem-bership within the doctrinal framework com-monly accepted by The Brethren Church. But for the sake of unity in our beloved Fellowship and because we believe Triune Immersion to be

the Biblical mode of baptism, we recommend to all our churches that they do not receive persons into voting membership unless they have been so baptized; and that those churches which may desire to grant fellowship to believers not baptized by triune immersion, carefully consider the advisability of establishing associate membership for them.

3. In light of our present church problem, which relates to the requirements for church membership, we recommend that our National Ministerium during a period of the next five years make a special study of the doctrine of the church and its ministry. (Same as paragraph in Mar. meeting document of Commmittee)

4. As to the question of seating delegates from congregations which receive into voting membership those not baptized by triune immersion, we recommend that the general historical practice of The Brethren Church be continued; that is, seating delegates from those congregations which admit to voting membership only those baptized by trine immersion.

5. That in order to establish a doctrinal standard and avoid further dissension, a statement be formulated, articulating the great truths of Scripture, taking into account the "Message of the Brethren Ministry" along with its proposed revision of 1953, as well as other historical Brethren statements; and that this doctrinal statement shall include a definition of the relation of such a statement to Scripture, together with an explanation of the nature of doctrinal (confessional) subscription. And in order to secure a representative Committee, one person be designated by each district ministerium, and by each National Board which desires; the product of this Committee to be submitted to the National Ministerium for consideration; and when adopted to be likewise submitted to the National Fellowship if possible in 1963.

Alva J. McClain

4. Ralph Colburn presented a report which was changed and corrected as follows:

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2. We recognize the liberty of any local congregation to establish the basis for its own membership within the doctrinal framework commonly adopted by The Brethren Church. However, for the sake of unity in our beloved Fellowship, we recommend that churches not depart from the historical practice of requiring trine immersion for church membership.

3. We recommend that in light of our present church problem which relates to the requirements for church membership and the additional problems that have been raised in this connection, the National Fellowship of Brethren Ministers, during a period of approximately five years, make a special study of the Doctrine of the Church and its Ministry.

4. For the sake of unity, the churches involved have graciously refrained from sending delegates to National Conference and have volunteered not to submit delegates for an indefinite period. We commend these churches for their stated intent and apparent desire to remain in the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. We also recommend that delegates from any Brethren church receiving members that have not been baptized by trine immersion shall be granted, by special action, full courtesies of the Conference during the above mentioned period, provided these delegates have been baptized by trine immersion. These courtesies shall include the right to vote on all issues except the question of baptism in relation to church membership.

5. That after the above mentioned study of the Doctrine of the Church and its Ministry, the question shall be referred back to the National Ministerium for full discussion and from there back to the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches for full and open discussion in order that we may come to a decision in harmony with the Word of God.

6. We further recommend that a doctrinal statement be formulated, articulating the great truths of Scripture, taking into account the Message of the Brethren Ministry along with its proposed revision of 1953, as well as other historical Brethren statements. This doctrinal statement should include a definition of the relation of the statement to Scripture, and an explanation of the nature of doctrinal (confessional) subscription.

A motion was made to adopt the report and the vote be by secret ballot. Seconded.

5. A motion was made to table the motion until tomorrow morning, have the report duplicated, and to adjourn. Seconded and passed. The meeting closed with prayer.

Saturday a.m., August 18

1. The last devotional period began with Dean Risser leading in a song and Ralph Burns at the piano. J. Paul Miller brought his closing devotional message. Chairman Conard Sandy conducted the prayer time.

2. Membership matter. A motion was made that George Christie's name be included in the membership list upon proper notification that his licensure is completed. Seconded and passed.

3. A motion was made to approve the minutes as read. Seconded and passed.

4. A motion was made to remove from the table the motion tabled in item 5, Friday p.m. Seconded and passed.

5. A motion was made to move the previous question. Seconded and passed (Yes, 119 No. 21). The motion (item 4, Friday p.m.) to adopt the report was voted by secret ballot and passed (Yes,

06; No, 50; Abstensions, 5). The poll
1 separate items of the report is as
llows:

em 1—Yes, 148; No, 2.
em 2—Yes, 150; No, 0.
em 3—Yes, 150; No, 1.
em 4—Yes, 64; No, 86.
em 5—Yes, 150; No, 1.
em 6—Yes, 151; No, 0.

6. A motion was made to extend the
ne until a report of the vote is re-
ived. Seconded and passed.

7. A motion was made to express sin-
re appreciation to the Baptismal-
nurch Membership Committee for their
ork on baptismal-church membership
oblem. Seconded and passed.

8. A motion was made to report the
tire vote just taken (item 5) to the
ational Conference if asked for. Sec-
ded and passed.

9. A substitute motion was made that
study committee composed of a min-
er appointed by each district minis-
rium based on their representation on
e National Executive Committee plus
o members of our National Ministe-
um to organize and carry out the pur-
se of the action of this body as passed
the report of the Baptismal-Church
embership Committee. Seconded and
ssed.

10. A motion was made that the "De-
ription of the Problem" (from the
riginal Unanimous report of the Bap-
mal-Church Membership Committee)
d the "direction of the Solution"
dopted in item 5 Sat. a.m.) be pre-
nted to the conference and copies be
ade available. Seconded and passed.

11. A motion was made that our
airman and secretary elect be the
embers of the committee (item 9 Sat.
m.) and that they serve as chairman
d secretary respectively. Seconded and
ssed.

12. A motion was made that the new
xecutive Committee with the Brethren
issionary Herald Company re-evaluate
e blanks for Licensure and Ordination,
d make them available to the District
Ministeriums and request National Conference to care for the expense. Seconded and passed.

13. Minutes of this business session were read. A motion was made to approve the minutes as corrected. Seconded and passed. The new chairman for 1962-63, Dr. Orville D. Jobson, dismissed with prayer.

National Fellowship of Brethren Laymen

President: Kenneth R. Kohler, Sr., 1209 Pratt St., Philadelphia 24, Pa.

Vice President: James Knepper, R.R. 4, York, Pa.

Secretary: Ralph Grady, R.R. 1, Waterloo, Iowa.

Treas: Ben C. Zimmerman, R.R. 1, Warsaw, Ind.

Editor: Kenneth E. Herman, 108 Third St., Winona Lake, Ind.

Student Aid Committee: Rev. Don Ogden, Advisor; Frank Poland, Ben Zimmerman, A student selected by the committee.

Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit this organization seeks to:

1. Stimulate the worship of Almighty God through our Lord Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son and our Saviour, in accordance with His Holy Word, the Bible, the whole Bible and nothing but the Bible.

2. Promote Christian fellowship among men of The Brethren Church.

3. Effect an organization of Brethren laymen, banded together by the bonds of Christ's love to spread the Gospel far and wide. To encourage men to work in close cooperation with their Pastor under the direction of the Holy Spirit in the privilege that is ours of being co-laborers with Jesus Christ.

Goals

To encourage—

1. The daily reading, studying, and distribution of the Book of books, the Bible.

2. Witnessing for Christ, our Saviour through personal visitation, evangelistic rallies and tract distribution.

3. The wholehearted support of our local church, pastor, and our local, district, and national boards.

4. The laymen in all our churches in the formation of laymen's organizations and boys clubs.

Projects

1. *Scholarship Fund	$2,000.00
2. Board of Evangelism	3,500.00
3. General Fund	1,000.00
4.**1962/1963 Grace College Scholarships	362.18
Total	$6,862.18

*Toward completion of $10,000 Scholarship Fund. Total received to date (8/1/62) $3,380.53.
**We supply 5 $100 Scholarships each year. Current interest from scholarship fund for 1962 was $137.82. This leaves a balance of $362.18 necessary to make $500.

1962 Conference Notes—

Sessions 116 through 120 were held in the Rainbow Room of the Westminster Hotel at Winona Lake, Ind. from August 14 to 18. The sessions were well attended with an average attendance for the five sessions of 80 plus. High point was the Friday session with 101 in attendance. Our Laymen-Pastor Breakfast had a total attendance of 191.

Our speakers this year were all laymen. They included our president, Kenneth R. Kohler, Sr.; Robert Foltz; Richard Beach; R. Stanley Tam, and Harold Bolesky. With the exception of Mr. Tam these are all Brethren laymen who brought stimulating messages based on our theme: **"Bold in the Lord."**

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance brought forward	263.21
Receipts	2,542.94
	2,806.15
Expenses	2,690.2
Balance 8/1/62	115.9
Expense Breakdown—	
Board of Evangelism	1,164.7
Scholarship Fund	716.6
*General Fund	808.8
Total	2,690.2
**General Fund Breakdown—*	
Grace College—5 $100 Scholarships	500.0
Brethren Home Missions—Taos Radio Min.	52.0
**General Expense, Printing, Mailing, etc.	256.8
	808.8

**The entire $500 for Scholarships was paid from the General Fund, the item of $52 was designated for the Taos Radio Ministry, leaving your officers only $256.82 to work with during the year. Note: The Board of Evangelism receipts do not include those sent directly to the board.

National Sunday School Board
P.O. Box 365, Winona Lake, Indiana

Pres.—Miles Taber ('64)
V. Pres.—James Dixon ('65)
Secy.—Vernon Harris ('65)
Treas.—John Burns ('63)
Director—Harold Etling ('63)
Office Mgr.—Miss Bobbette Osborn
Bookkeeper—Mr. Robert A. Russell
Shipping Clerk—Mr. Richard L. Kelley
Board members listed on page 4

All correspondence relating to Sunday school work should be addressed to The National Sunday School Board, Box 365, Winona Lake, Ind.

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Box 617, Winona Lake, Indiana

Pres.—Forrest Jackson
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Office Asst.—Miss Charlotte Henning
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Board of Evangelism
1709 W. Clinton St., Goshen, Ind.
(P. O. Address, Box 123)

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Asst. Treas.—Robert Foltz ('65)

DISTRICT CONFERENCE ORGANIZATIONS

ALLEGHENY

Allegheny Fellowship of Brethren Churches

Next Annual Conference to begin July 1, 1963 at 6 p.m. and concluding 12 o'clock noon on July 3, 1963. Place to be decided by Executive Committee.

Executive Committee

Mod.—True Hunt
V. Mod.—Kenneth Wilt
Secy.—Carl J. Lunden
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Asst. Secy.—Mrs. John Hottle
Treas.—C. J. Larmon
802 W. Main St., Somerset, Pa.
Stat.—Russell Konves
Members at Large—Wayne Baker, Leonard Bennett

NFBC Executive Committee

Richard Placeway
Wayne Baker

Committee on Committees

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True Hunt

Credentials

Richard Placeway
Francis Brill
P. Metzer

Resolutions

Leonard Bennett
Wayne Baker
C. J. Larmon

Rules and Organizations

Russell Konves
Kenneth Wilt
J. Kimmel

Auditing

C. J. Lunden
Charles Landis

Youth

All Pastors

Moderator's Address

Paul Mohler
Shimer Darr
Wayne Baker

District Mission Board

Chmn.—True Hunt
Secy.-Treas.—Wm. Snell
All active pastors and one lay member from each church.

Ministerium

Chmn.—Wm. Snell
V. Chmn.—Russell Konves
Secy.-Treas.—True Hunt
Asst. Secy.-Treas.—

Ministerial Examining Board

All regularly ordained pastors of the district.

Laymen

es.—Robert Ullom
cy.-Treas.—James Minnear
Pres.—Robert Riffle
uth Adviser—Roger Courtwright

Women's Missionary Council

es.—Mrs. John Hottle
. V. Pres.—Mrs. Wayne Baker
. V. Pres.—Mrs. James Kimmel
cy.—Mrs. C. J. Larmon
802 W. Main St., Somerset, Pa.
eas.—Mrs. Hazel Chapman
Aleppo, Pa.
ayer Chairman—Mrs. Shimer Darr

Sisterhood of Mary and Martha

es.—Becky Mohler
Pres.—Carol Yoder
cy.—Geanie Gleason
eas.—Doris Darr
ndage Secy.—
troness—Mrs. Paul Mohler
st. Patroness—Mrs. Harold Lowry

Cooperating Churches

cident, Md.—First Grace Brethren
eppo, Pa.—Aleppo Brethren
afton, W. Va.—First Brethren
nners, Pa.—Jenners Brethren
stie, Pa.—Listie Brethren
eyersdale, Pa.—Meyersdale Brethren
eyersdale, Pa.—Summit Mills Brethren
rkersburg, W. Va.—Grace Brethren
ystown, Pa.—Reading Brethren
iontown, Pa.—First Brethren
ashington, Pa.—Grace Brethren

EAST

The East Fellowship of Brethren Churches

Next annual conference: First Brethn Church, Kittanning, Pa. July 22-25, 63.

Executive Committee

Mod.—Ralph S. Burns
V. Mod.—Roy Glass
Secy.—Fred Wm. Walter
Asst. Secy.—Glenn Byers
Treas.—Sheldon Snyder
Asst. Treas.—Don Rager
Stat.—Rose Snyder
Members at Large—Wm. H. Schaffer, Homer Lingenfelter

NFBC Executive Committee

Victor Rogers
John Terrell

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Carl Uphouse
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Moderator's Address

James Sweeton
Willard Gates
Homer Lingenfelter

Nominating Committee

Wm. H. Schaffer
Fred Wm. Walter
Clair Gartland

Youth

Composed of all active pastors of the district.
Pres.—John Terrell
V. Pres.—Glenn Byers
Secy.-Treas.—Clair Gartland

Ministerial Examining Board

Composed of all active ordained pastors of the district
Chmn.—Wm. H. Schaffer
V. Chmn.—James Sweeton
Secy.—Fred Wm. Walter

Mission Board

Composed of all active pastors and one layman from each congregation.
Pres.—Wm. H. Schaffer
V. Pres.—Don Rager
Secy.-Treas.—Victor Rogers
S. L. Sperry
I. E. Miller
Grover Snyder
Robert Steven
Maurice Byers
Ivan Diel
Fred Bucher
Frank Turman
Elmer Smith
Blair Dick
Clarence Miller
Homer Colbert
Ralph Hooks
Roy Heilman
Harry Replogle

Ministerium

Pres.—Victor Rogers
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Secy.-Treas.—Ralph Burns
Asst. Secy.-Treas.—Glenn Byers

Women's Missionary Council

Pres.—Mrs. Clair Gartland
V. Pres.—Mrs. Ralph Burns
Secy.—Mrs. Fred Walter
Treas.—Miss Effie Newman
Program Chmn.—Mrs. Glenn Byers
Prayer Chmn.—Mrs. Carl Uphouse

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Treas.—Doreen Beach
Jr. Representative—Pamela Sweeton
Patroness—Mrs. Harry Barndt
Asst. Patroness—Mrs. Victor Rogers

Cooperating Churches

Altoona, Pa.—First Brethren
Altoona, Pa.—Grace Brethren
Conemaugh, Pa.—Conemaugh Brethren
Conemaugh, Pa.—Pike Brethren
Conemaugh, Pa.—Singer Hill Grace Brethren
Duncansville, Pa.—Grace Brethren
Everett, Pa.—Everett Grace Brethren
Hollidaysburg, Pa.—Vicksburg Brethren
Hopewell, Pa.—Grace Brethren
Jefferson Center, Pa.—Calvary Brethren
Johnstown, Pa.—First Brethren
Johnstown, Pa.—Geistown Grace Brethren
Johnstown, Pa.—Riverside Brethren
Kittanning, Pa.—First Brethren
Kittanning, Pa.—North Buffalo Brethren
Martinsburg, Pa.—First Brethren

INDIANA

Indiana Fellowship of Brethren Churches

Next annual conference: Ireland Road Brethren Church, South Bend, April 25-27, 1963.

Executive Committee

Mod.—A. Rollin Sandy
V. Mod.—John P. Burke

ecy.—Robert Foltz
1918 E. Edison Rd., South Bend 15, Ind.
sst. Secy.—Kenneth Koontz
reas.—Elmer Tamkin
Box 775, Winona Lake, Ind.
tat.—Frank Poland
lembers at Large—Mark Malles, Gene Witzky

NFBC Executive Committee

ordon Bracker
cott Weaver

Youth

ene Witzky
ohn P. Burke
cott Weaver

Ministerial Examining Board

hmn.—R. Paul Miller
ecy.—Robert L. Burns
ll ordained pastors of the Indiana Fellowship

Ministerium

hmn.—Mark Malles
. Chmn.—Gordon Bracker
ecy.-Treas.—A. Rollin Sandy
sst. Secy.-Treas.—Glen E. Crabb

Mission Board

hmn.—Gene Witzky
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Cooperating Churches

Berne—Bethel Brethren
Clay City—First Brethren
Elkhart—Grace Brethren
Flora—Grace Brethren
Fort Wayne—First Brethren
Fort Wayne—Grace Brethren
Goshen—Grace Brethren
Kokomo—Indian Heights Brethren
Leesburg—Leesburg Brethren
Osceola—Bethel Brethren
Peru—Peru Brethren
Sidney—Sidney Brethren
South Bend—Ireland Road Brethren
Warsaw—Warsaw Community Grace Brethren
Wheaton, Ill.—Grace Brethren
Winona Lake—Winona Lake Brethren

IOWA

Iowa District Conference of Brethren Churches

Next annual conference: Leon Brethren Church, Leon, Iowa, June 28-29, 1963.

Executive Committee

Mod.—Roy Dice
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NFBC Executive Committee

Forrest Jackson

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Laymen

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Cooperating Churches

Cedar Rapids—Grace Brethren
Dallas Center—First Brethren
Davenport—Grace Brethren
Garwin—Carlton Brethren
Leon—Leon Brethren
North English—Pleasant Grove Brethren
Waterloo—Grace Brethren
Winona, Minn.—Grace Brethren

MICHIGAN

Michigan District Fellowship of Brethren Churches

Next annual conference: Ozark Grace Brethren Church, Ozark, Michigan. November 28-30, 1962.

Executive Committee

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V. Mod.—Gerald Kelley
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Stat.—Russell Sarver
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Earl Funderburg
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Ministerium

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Secy.—Lee Crist

Youth

mn.—Gerald Kelley
y.—Earl Funderburg
as.—Charles Flowers
Crist
bert Hawkins
arles Lawson
le Peer
ssell Sarver
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Mission Board

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y.—J. Ward Tressler
as.—Raymond Burgess

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s.—Marcia Taylor
Pres.—Marcia Goff
y.-Treas.—Judy Seeber
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Women's Missionary Council

s.—Mrs. J. Ward Tressler
V. Pres.—Mrs. Ted Titus
V. Pres.—Mrs. Charles Flowers
y.-Treas.—Mrs. Carl Erb
R.R. 2, Clarksville, Mich.
ayer Chairman—Mrs. Earle Peer
roness—Mrs. Gerald Kelley

Cooperating Churches

o—Calvary Brethren
rrien Springs—Grace Brethren
and Rapids—Grace Brethren
stings—Grace Brethren
ckson—Grace Brethren
ke Odessa—Grace Brethren
nsing—Grace Brethren
w Troy—New Troy Brethren
ark—Grace Brethren

MID-ATLANTIC

Mid-Atlantic Fellowship of Brethren Churches

The 1963 Conference will be held in the Gay Street Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Maryland, on Thursday and Friday, May 2 and 3.

Executive Committee

Mod.—Warren E. Tamkin
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Stat.—John J. Burns

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Mid-Atlantic District Ministerium

Ministerial Examining Board

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Cooperating Churches

Alexandria, Va.—Commonwealth Avenue Brethren
Hagerstown, Md.—Calvary Brethren
Hagerstown, Md.—Gay Street Brethre
Hagerstown, Md.—Grace Brethren
Martinsburg, W. Va.—Rosemont Brethren
Seven Fountains, Va.—Trinity Brethre
Washington, D. C.—First Brethren
Washington, D. C.—Grace Brethren Church of Greater Washington
Waynesboro, Pa.—First Brethren
Winchester, Va.—First Brethren

MIDWEST

Midwest District of Brethren Churches

Next annual conference: Denve Colo., July 26-28, 1963

Executive Committee

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Treas.—Margie Hopkins
Stat.—Sam Horney

NFBC Executive Committee

Dayton Cundiff

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Florimel Maestas

Youth

Celina Mares
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Junior Caldwell

Laymen

Pres.—John Salazar
V. Pres.—Harold Inman
Secy.-Treas.—Rodger Lucero
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Ministerium

Chmn.—Tom Inman

Ministerial Examining Board

All active ordained pastors of the district

Women's Missionary Council

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Secy.—Mrs. James Olive
Asst. Secy.—Mrs. Dayton Cundiff
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WMM Patroness—Mrs. Tom Inman
Asst. Patroness—Mrs. Ed Mensinger
Prayer Chmn.—Mrs. Doris Harper
Editor—Mrs. Marge Walters

Cooperating Churches

Albuquerque, N. Mex.—Grace Brethren
Beaver City, Nebr.—Grace Brethren
Cheyenne, Wyo.—First Brethren
Denver, Colo.—Grace Brethren
Portis, Kans.—First Brethren
Taos, N. Mex.—Canon Brethren

NO. ATLANTIC

Northern Atlantic Fellowship of Brethren Churches

Next Annual Conference—River Valley Ranch, Millers, Md., May 9-12, 1963

Executive Committee

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NFBC Executive Committee

William Tweeddale

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Kenneth Kelly

Youth

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William Tweeddale
Mrs. William Tweeddale

Ministerial Examining Board

William Tweeddale
John Neely
Herman Koontz
All regularly ordained pastors

Ministerium

Pres. William Tweeddale
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Secy.-Treas.—Herman Koontz

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Treas.—Samuel Grubb

Laymen

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V. Pres.—W. H. Hetrick
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Asst. Patroness—Mrs. James Gault

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Jr. Representative—Patricia Snubbs
Editor—Lyndell Supplee
Patroness—Mrs. Alva Conner
Asst. Patroness—Mrs. Harriet Ann Gault

Cooperating Churches

Allentown, Pa.—First Brethren
Harrisburg, Pa.—Melrose Gardens Grace Brethren
Hatboro, Pa.—Suburban Brethren
Lancaster, Pa.—Grace Brethren
Palmyra, Pa.—Grace Brethren
Philadelphia, Pa.—First Brethren
Philadelphia, Pa.—Third Brethren
York, Pa.—Grace Brethren

NOR-CAL

NOR-CAL Fellowship of Brethren Churches

Executive Committee

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Stat.—Loren Zook

NFBC Executive Committee

Arthur Pekarek
Alt.—Lyle W. Marvin

Ministerium

Pres.—J. Paul Miller
Secy.—Alf Dodds

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Youth

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Pres.—Mrs. Arthur Pekarek
1st V. Pres.—Mrs. James Cover
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Treas.—Mrs. J. Ramey
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Editor—Mrs. Max Williams
Prayer Chmn.—Mrs. Conard Sandy
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Sisterhood of Mary and Martha

Pres.—Miss Nancy Cover
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Patroness—Miss Clara Garber

Cooperating Churches

Chico—Grace Brethren
Modesto—McHenry Avenue Grace Brethren
Modesto—La Loma Grace Brethren
Sacramento—Grace Brethren
San Jose—Grace Brethren
Tracy—First Brethren

NO. OHIO

Northern Ohio District Fellowship of Brethren Churches

Next Annual Conference will be held at Wooster, Ohio (First Brethren Church) April 25-26, 1963.

Executive Committee

Mod.—Kenneth Ashman
V. Mod.—Russell Ogden
Secy.-Treas.—Robert Holmes
Host Pastor to next year's annual conference—Kenneth Ashman

NFBC Executive Committee

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Miles Taber

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Chmn.—John Dilling
V. Chmn.—Richard Burch
Secy.-Treas.—Russell Ogden
Asst. Secy.-Treas.—Mel Hobson

District Ministerium

Chmn.—John Dilling
V. Chmn.—Richard Burch
Secy.-Treas.—Russell Ogden
Asst. Secy.-Treas.—Mel Hobson

District Mission Board

The pastor and one layman of each church.
Officers same as Ministerium.

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Cooperating Churches

Akron—Fairlawn Brethren
Akron—First Brethren
Ankenytown—First Brethren
Ashland—Grace Brethren
Canton—Grace Brethren
Cleveland—First Brethren
Cuyahoga Falls—Grace Brethren
Danville—Danville Brethren
Elyria—Grace Brethren
Findlay—Findlay Brethren
Fremont—Grace Brethren
Fremont—Brethren Chapel
Galion—Brethren Church
Homerville—West Homer Brethren
Mansfield—Grace Brethren
Mansfield—Woodville Grace Brethren
Middlebranch—First Brethren
Norton Village—First Brethren
Rittman—First Brethren
Sterling—First Brethren
Wooster—First Brethren

NORTHWEST

Northwest Fellowship of Brethren Churches

Next annual conference: Grace Brethren Church, Toppenish, Washington February 26-28.

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Stat.—Clair Floyd

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Pres.—Phillip J. Simmons
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Secy.—Virginia Garrison
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Manager—W. Carl Miller

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Cooperating Churches

Albany, Oreg.—Grace Brethren
Grandview, Wash.—First Brethren
Harrah, Wash.—Harrah Brethren
Portland, Oreg.—Grace Brethren
Seattle, Wash.—View Ridge Brethren
Spokane, Wash.—First Brethren
Sunnyside, Wash.—First Brethren
Toppenish, Wash.—Grace Brethren
Yakima, Wash.—Grace Brethren

SO. CALIF.-ARIZ.

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Executive Committee

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Treas.—Jayne Reuter
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Cooperating Churches

Anaheim—Grace Brethren Community
Artesia—Grace Brethren
Beaumont—Cherry Valley Brethren
Bell—Bell Brethren
Bellflower—First Brethren
Compton—First Brethren
Fillmore—First Brethren
Gardena—Gardena Brethren
Glendale—First Brethren
Glendora—Grace Brethren
Inglewood—First Brethren
La Habra—La Habra Brethren
La Verne—First Brethren
Long Beach—First Brethren
Long Beach—North Long Beach Brethren
Long Beach—Los Altos Brethren
Los Angeles—Community Brethren
Montclair—Grace Brethren
Norwalk—Norwalk Brethren
Paramount—Paramount Brethren
Phoenix, Ariz.—First Brethren
Rialto—Rialto Brethren
San Bernardino—Grace Brethren
San Diego—Grace Brethren
Simi—Grace Brethren
Seal Beach—First Brethren
South Gate—First Brethren
South Pasadena—Fremont Avenue Brethren
Temple City—Temple City Brethren
Tucson, Ariz.—Silverbell Grace Brethren
West Covina—West Covina Brethren
Westminster—Westminster Brethren
Whittier—First Brethren
Whittier—Community Brethren

SOUTHEAST

Southeast Fellowship of Brethren Churches

Next Annual Conference: Washington Heights Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va.

Executive Committee

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Asst. Secy.—Mrs. Kay Taylor
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Youth

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Carlton Fuller
William Byers

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K. E. Richardson

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Mrs. Kay Taylor

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Cooperating Churches

Boone's Mill, Va.—Grace Brethren
Buena Vista, Va.—First Brethren
Covington, Va.—First Brethren
Fort Lauderdale, Fla.—Grace Brethren
Hollins, Va.—Patterson Memorial Brethren
Johnson City, Tenn.—Grace Brethren
Limestone, Tenn.—Vernon Brethren
Margate, Fla.—Grace Brethren
Radford, Va.—Fairlawn Brethren
Riner, Va.—Grace Brethren
Roanoke, Va.—Clearbrook Brethren
Roanoke, Va.—Garden City Brethren
Roanoke, Va.—Ghent Brethren
Roanoke, Va.—Washington Heights Brethren
Virginia Beach, Va.—Grace Brethren

SO. OHIO

Southern Ohio District Conference of Brethren Churches

Next Annual Conference: Trotwood Grace Brethren Church, Trotwood, Ohio (May 1963)

Executive Committee

Mod.—Nate Casement
V. Mod.—Larry Gegner
Secy.—Everett Caes
Asst. Secy.—Frank Gardner
Treas.—Roy Kinsey
Stat.—Herbert Edwards
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NFBC Executive Committee

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Russell Ward

Committee on Committees

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Russell Ward
Russell Harn

Ministerium

Chmn.—Horace Mohler
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Secy.-Treas.—Charles Gantt
Asst. Secy.—Frank Gardner

Ministerial Examining Board

The Ministerial Examining Board shall be composed of all regularly ordained elders in good standing who are pastors of Brethren churches within the district.
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Secy.—Larry Gegner

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V. Chmn.—Lon Karns
Secy.—Herbert Edwards
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V. Chmn.—Everett Caes ('65)
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Cooperating Churches

Brookville—Grace Brethren
Camden—First Brethren
Centerville—Centerville Brethren
Clayhole, Ky.—Clayhole Brethren
Clayton—First Brethren
Covington—First Brethren
Dayton—First Brethren
Dayton—Grace Brethren
Dayton—Huber Heights Brethren
Dayton—North Riverdale Brethren
Dayton—Patterson Park Brethren
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Troy—Grace Brethren
Vandalia—Grace Brethren
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DIRECTORY OF BRETHREN CHURCHES

isted by States; Giving City, Pastor's Name, Church Name, Membership as of an. 1, 1962, Address, and Telephone Number; and Name and Address of Secretary · Clerk

ARIZONA

HOENIX
Grace Brethren Church (130)
2940 W. Bethany Home Rd., Zone 17 (Tel. 264-5821)
Jerome Hannamann, church address

UCSON (J. C. McKillen)
Silverbell Community Grace Brethren Church (20)
1499 N. Silverbell Rd.
(Tel. MA 3-3388) (Leave Freeway at Speedway exit, west to Silverbell, North on Silverbell ½ mile to church)
Mrs. Lloyd L. West, 4020 E. Montecito Drive

CALIFORNIA

NAHEIM (Forest F. Lance)
Grace Brethren Church (139)
1546 E. La Palma Ave. (Tel. KEystone 5-2073)
Miss Beverly Knight, church address

ARTESIA (Adam H. Rager)
Grace Brethren Church (116)
11859 E. 209th St. (1 block east of Pioneer Blvd. and 1 block north of Centralia Rd.) (Tel. UN 5-5033)
Mrs. Alice Rust, 22310 S. Devlin St.

BEAUMONT
Cherry Valley Brethren Church (114)
Vineland and Beaumont Aves. (Box 656)
Three miles north of Highway 99 (Tel. 845-2643)
Mrs. Carl Hitsch, Box 606

BELL (Harold Dunning)
Bell Brethren Church (73)
6830 Wilcox Ave. (Tel. LU 2-7033)
Mrs. Pat Olson, 6614 Sherman Way

BELLFLOWER (Raymond W. Thompson)
First Brethren Church (118)
9405 E. Flower St. (Clark and Flower Sts.) (mailing address: Box 306) (Tel. TOrrey 7-6132)
Mrs. Beverly Gower, 5951 Clark Ave., Lakewood

CHICO (Arthur Pekarek)
Grace Brethren Church (103)
1505 Arbutus Ave. (Arbutus and E. 5th Ave.) (Tel. FI 2-8642)
Mrs. Ruth Warwick, 145 W. Lindo Ave.

COMPTON (Edwin Cashman)
First Brethren Church (198)
1005 Rose St., (Cor. Rose and Rosecrans Aves.) (Tel. NEwmark 1-1898)
Mrs. Elda Powell, 918 North Locust

FILLMORE (Ord Gehman)
First Brethren Church (103)
422 Central Ave. (Tel. 532-J)
Monte Carpenter, 706 B St.

GARDENA (Theodore Malaimare)
Grace Brethren Church (44)
1823 W. 150th St. (at Western Ave.) (Tel. Davis 3-9755)
Mrs. James Margolin, 1260 E. Millmont Ave.

GLENDALE (R. E. A. Miller)
First Brethren Church (90)
632 W. Stocker St., Zone 2 (1 block south of Hoover High School) (Tel. 213-242-1808)
Alfred Spaeth, 11383 Kamloops St., Lake View Terrace, Calif.

GLENDORA (Pat Doney)
Grace Brethren Church

INGLEWOOD (Richard P. DeArmey)
First Brethren Church (340)
2400 W. 85th St. (Manchester at Van Ness, Zone 4) (Tel. PL 1-2505)
Ralph McConahay, 5235 W. Slauson Ave., Los Angeles 56

LA VERNE (Elias D. White)
First Brethren Church (131)
Third and E Sts. (Tel. LYcoming 3-1204)
Mrs. Ruth Campbell, 774 Shasta Way, Upland, Calif.

LONG BEACH (Charles W. Mayes)
First Brethren Church (1140)
1925 E. Fifth St., Zone 12
Dorothea Humphreville, 5450 Abbeyfield St., Long Beach 15

LONG BEACH (Robert W. Hill)
Los Altos Brethren Church (189)
6565 Stearns St., Zone 15 (Tel. GEneva 1-0993)
Mrs. Betty Keillor, 2122 Asbury, Long Beach 15

LONG BEACH (George O. Peek)
North Long Beach Brethren Church (1135)
6095 Orange Ave. (Zone 5) (Tel. GArfield 3-5431)
Charlie Course, 3632 Arbor Rd., Lakewood, Calif. (Tel. HA 11275)

LOS ANGELES (Robert McCormick)
Community Brethren Church (144)
5839 Whittier Blvd., Zone 22 (Tel. PA 1-5972)
Mrs. Luella Burk, 11259 Pope St., Lynwood, Calif.

MODESTO (J. Paul Miller)
La Loma Grace Brethren Church (241)
1315 La Loma Ave. (Tel. LA 3-3738)
Max Williams, 1244 Grinnell St.

MODESTO (Alfred Dodds)
McHenry Avenue Grace Brethren Church (28)
6340 McHenry Avenue, R.R. 2, Modesto (Tel. LA 4-0340) (corner of Ladd Rd. and McHenry Avenue)
Mrs. Ruth Holgate, 1215 LaLoma Dr.

MONTCLAIR (Harold Painter)
Montclair Grace Brethren Church (45)
5655 Palo Verde St. (Tel. YUkon 4-2323)
Mrs. Charles Ashman, 803 S. Lolita, West Covina, Calif.

NORWALK (Henry G. Rempel)
Norwalk Brethren Church (234)
11005 Foster Rd. (N. E. corner of Studebaker Rd. and Foster Rd.) (Tel. University 3-7322)
Mrs. Evelyn Goff, 14409 Harvest Ave.

PARAMOUNT (Gene Klingler)
Paramount Brethren Church (125)
15713 S. Orange Ave. (Corner of Orange and Alondra—east of Long Beach Freeway) (Tel. MEtcalf 4-1056)
Miss Mardell Whittaker, 6530 Motz

ALTO (Gerald Polman)
Rialto Brethren Church (80)
Box 337, 690 W. Etiwanda Ave. (Tel. 714 Tr. 5-0730)
Mrs. R. E. Miller, 545 W. Etiwanda Ave.

CRAMENTO (Conard Sandy)
Grace Brethren Church (19)
3127 Eastern Ave., Zone 21 (Tel. 916-483-6576) (Temporary meeting place Northeast branch YMCA building) (Mailing address, Pastor's address)
Mrs. Loren Zook, 6315 37th Ave., Sacramento 24

N BERNARDINO (Emlyn Jones)
Grace Brethren Church (204)
25700 Pacific St. (corner Pacific St., and Sterling Ave.) (Tel. TUrner 9-8695)
Mrs. Doris Wossum, 2330 Roxbury Dr.

N DIEGO (Henry Dalke)
Grace Brethren Church (80)
3455 Atlas St., Zone 11 (Tel. 277-5364)
Mrs. Lucille Smalley, 4858 Longford

N JOSE (Lyle W. Marvin)
Grace Brethren Church (47)
4610 Camden Ave. (in Cambrian Park area) (Tel. 269-1289)
Mrs. Winifred DeBella, 13029 Water St., San Jose 12

AL BEACH (E. John Gillis)
First Brethren Church (104)
Eighth St. and Central Ave. (Tel. 430-3722)
Mrs. Betty Minnis, 120 12th St.

MI
Grace Brethren Church

UTH GATE (Harold B. Penrose)
First Brethren Church (116)
Sequoia Dr. and Montara Ave. (Tel. LOraine 6-6433)
Mrs. Ella Hickey, 10231 Pescadero

SOUTH PASADENA (Douglas E. Bray)
Fremont Avenue Brethren Church (102)
920 Fremont Ave.
(Tel. SY 9-6081)

TEMPLE CITY (Robert Firl)
Temple City Brethren Church (61)
5537 Temple City Blvd. (Tel. ATlantic 6-6342)
Mrs. V. Lee Kirsch, 5560 N. Burton Ave., San Gabriel, Calif.

TRACY
First Brethren Church (66)
1480 Parker Ave. (Tel. TE 5-5533)
Ilene Christian, R.R. 3, Box 840

WEST COVINA (Robert C. Kliewer)
West Covina Brethren Church (56)
710 N. Lark Ellen (Tel. ED 2-0682)
Mrs. Kay Shoop, 14745 MacDevitt St., Baldwin Park, Calif.

WESTMINSTER (Robert W. Thompson)
Westminster Brethren Church (62)
14614 Cannery Ave.
Virginia B. Larkey, 7454 Santa Domingo Way, Buena Park, Calif.

WHITTIER (Ward A. Miller)
Community Brethren Church (267)
8101 S. Vicki Dr. (corner of Washington Blvd. at Vicki Dr.) (Tel. OX 5-8118)
Earl Royse, 9644 Armley Ave.

WHITTIER (Lewis C. Hohenstein)
First Brethren Church (511)
Milton and Bailey, Box 174 (Tel. OXbow 3-7666)
Travis Rash, 15235 E. Lashburn

COLORADO

DENVER (F. Thomas Inman)
Grace Brethren Church (86)
700 S. Federal Blvd., Zone 19 (Federal Blvd. and Exposition) (Tel. WE 4-7876)
Mrs. Maureen Armitage, 591 Utica

WASH., D. C.

WASHINGTON (W. A. Ogden)
First Brethren Church
439 12th S.E. (Tel. LIncoln 4-6142)
Pennsylvania Ave. at 12th and E Sts., S.E., Zone 3
Mrs. Lee Raum, 2104 31st Place, S. E., Washington 20, D. C.

WASHINGTON (James G. Dixon)
Grace Brethren Church of Greater Washington
71st and Atwood Sts. in District Heights, Md. Temporarily meeting in Francis Scott Key Jr. Hi. 5 miles from District out Pennsylvania Ave., S.E., to Silver Hill Rd., left ½ mile to District Heights.

FLORIDA

FORT LAUDERDALE (Ralph J. Colburn)
Grace Brethren Church (191)
1800 N.W. 9th Ave. (Tel JA 4-6235)
Mrs. Dorothy Rowland, 1224 N.W. 18th Court

MARGATE (Dean Risser)
Grace Brethren Church (41)
1610 S.W. 67th Ave. (Tel. 933-4308)
Mrs. Larry Wentz, 1100 N.E. 7th Ave., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

ILLINOIS

WHEATON (John P. Burke)
Grace Brethren Church (62)
112 S. Dorchester (Tel. MO 8-5904)
Nancy Sipe, 25 W. 730 Childs St.

INDIANA

BERNE (Kenneth E. Russell)
Bethel Brethren Church (181)
R.R. 2, (mailing address: 417 W
Water St.) 6½ miles east on Inc
118 and ½ mile south (Tel. 2
2871)
Mrs. Chalmer Smitley, R.R. 2, Bo
90

CLAY CITY (Randall Rossman)
First Brethren Church (60)
Tenth and Cook Sts.
Mrs. Wilma Long, 1106 S. Cook St

ELKHART (Gordon W. Bracker)
Grace Brethren Church (102)
1600 E. Mishawaka Rd. (Tel. JA
3-3440)
Mrs. Roger Koher, 631 N. Main St.
Goshen, Ind.

FLORA (Lee H. Dice)
Grace Brethren Church (114)
Main and Willow Sts. (Tel. 967
3020)
Mrs. Melvin Fisher, R.R. 2

FORT WAYNE (Mark E. Malles)
First Brethren Church (264)
3326 S. Calhoun St. (Tel. H-1065)
Mrs. Richard David, church addres

FORT WAYNE (Glen E. Crabb)
Grace Brethren Church (50)
4619 Stellhorn Road Hwy. 37 N.E
(Tel. T-1355)
Mrs. Merl Lochner, church address

GOSHEN (R. Paul Miller)
Grace Brethren Church (79)
1801 W. Clinton St. (Mailing address
Box 123) (Tel. KE 3-7546)
Mrs. Gladys Inebnit, 810 W. Lincol

KOKOMO (Robert Burns)
Indian Heights Grace Brethre
Church (49)
4901 Arrowhead Blvd. (Tel. GI
2-7131)
John Hetrick, 3200 Orleans Dr.

EESBURG (Kenneth Koontz)
Leesburg Brethren Church (114)
Box 202, opposite schoolhouse (Tel. 453-7401)
Mrs. Evard Shuder, 212 S. Henry St., Milford, Ind.

SCEOLA (Scott Weaver)
Bethel Brethren Church (248)
Lincolnway and Oregon (Mailing address: R.R. 3, Box 121) (Tel. Orchard 9-4749)
Glen Stealy, 3505 Pleasant St., South Bend, Ind.

ERU (John W. Evans)
Peru Brethren Church (145)
South Broadway and Santa Fe Hill (Mailing, 260 W. 10th St.) (Tel. GRidley 3-3881)
James Land, 385 W. 7th St.

DNEY (A. Rollin Sandy)
Sidney Brethren Church (47)
Miss Enid Heckman, R.R. 2, N. Manchester, Ind.

OUTH BEND (Gene Witzky)
Ireland Road Brethren Church (111)
18375 Ireland Road, Zone 14 (Tel. AT-8-7033)
Mrs. Paul Albright, 3510 Whitcomb Ave., South Bend 14

ARSAW (Richard Sellers)
Community Grace Brethren Church (85)
909 S. Buffalo St. (Tel. 267-5788)
Edward Bowman, 1503 Chestnut St., Winona Lake, Ind.

INONA LAKE (Charles H. Ashman, Jr.)
Winona Lake Brethren Church (233)
Grace Seminary Auditorium (Tel. 267-6623)
Dr. Homer A. Kent, Sr., 301 6th St., Box 102

IOWA

CEDAR RAPIDS
Grace Brethren Church (94)
2905 D Ave. N.E. (Tel. EM 3-4983)
Mrs. Bernard Aupperle, 3040 D Ave. N.E.

DALLAS CENTER
First Brethren Church (115)
(Tel. 3029)
Mrs. Galen Fitz

DAVENPORT (Carl Key)
Grace Brethren Church (24)
1035 West Kimberly Rd. (Tel. 323-1976)
Mrs. Bill Herman, LeClaire, Iowa

GARWIN (Raymond Kettell)
Carlton Brethren Church (119)
R.R. 1 (6½ miles southwest of Garwin) (Tel. GY 9-2275)
Mrs. Carl Kouba, Toledo, Iowa

LEON (Glen Welborn)
Leon Brethren Church (123)
108 W. Fourth St. (on Route 69 opposite the high school)
Mrs. Ray Andrew, R.R. 1

NORTH ENGLISH (Robert D. Whited)
Pleasant Grove Grace Brethren Church (66)
R.R. 2 (2 miles east of Millersburg) (Tel. NOrmandy 4-5311)
Mrs. Gene Herdlicka, Williamsburg, Iowa

WATERLOO (John Aeby)
Grace Brethren Church (291)
1760 Williston Ave. (Tel. 234-8473)
Mrs. Jessie King, 1101 Hammond

KANSAS

PORTIS
First Brethren Church (156)
On Highway 281 (Tel. 2301)
Mrs. Wanda Palmer

KENTUCKY

CLAYHOLE (Robert Dell)
Clayhole Brethren Church (47)
14 miles southeast of Jackson on Highway 15 (Tel. 666-5084)
Isabell Landrum, Lost Creek, Ky.

DRYHILL (Evelyn Fuqua, missionary)
Brethren Chapel (23)
Mrs. Ted Begley, Confluence, Ky.

MARYLAND

ACCIDENT (Frederick Crawford, Jr.)
First Grace Brethren Church (31)
(2 miles south on Route 219; ½ mile east off Route 219) (Mailing address: 117 E. Main St., Everett, Pa.) (Tel. Everett 652-3816)
Benjamin E. Callis, Accident, Md.

HAGERSTOWN (Jack K. Peters)
Calvary Brethren Church (170)
Bryan Place and W. Franklin St. (Tel. RE 3-6375)
Harold Martin, 709 Sunset Ave.

HAGERSTOWN (William Howard)
Gay Street Brethren Church (70)
Gay St. and Allen Ave. (Tel. REgent 3-4115)
Mrs. Leonard Shingleton, 18 Coffman Ave.

HAGERSTOWN (Warren Tamkin)
Grace Brethren Church (319)
First and Spruce Sts. (Tel. REgent 9-1726)
Dave Auldridge, Burkittsville, Md.

MICHIGAN

ALTO (C. A. Flowers)
Calvary Brethren Church (70)
R.R. 2 (84th St. near Logan Lake (Tel. 868-3304)
John Dean Stadel, R.R. 2, Hastings Mich.

BERRIEN SPRINGS (Charles Lawson)
Grace Brethren Church (39)
Rose Hill Road (Tel. 471-7023)
Miss Carolyn Crawford, 525 N. Mechanic

GRAND RAPIDS (Earle E. Peer)
Grace Brethren Church (21)
Newhall School, S.W. Grand Rapids Zone 8
Delton Tyler, Clarksville, Mich.

HASTINGS (Russell Sarver)
Hastings Grace Brethren Church (13
Corner of Green and Jefferson Sts.
Mrs. Janet Erb, R.R. 2

JACKSON (Gilbert Hawkins)
Grace Brethren Church (14)
Meeting in temporary quarters
Mrs. George McCombs, 509 3d St

LAKE ODESSA (Lee Crist)
Grace Brethren Church (115)
R.R. 1 (6 miles west of Lake Odessa on Vedder Rd.)
Mrs. Orley Hulliberger, R.R. 3

LANSING (J. Ward Tressler)
Grace Brethren Church (63)
3904 W. Willow St., Zone 17 (Tel 372-0482)
Mrs. Deloris Wedding, 127 S. Rosemary

NEW TROY (Gerald L. Kelley)
New Troy Brethren Church (102)
Box 67 (Corner of California Ave. and Wee-chick Rd.) (Tel. Hazel 6-3121)
Mrs. Winford Bennett, 103 4th St. Buchanan, Mich.

ROUT LAKE (Earl O. Funderburg)
Ozark Grace Brethren Church (39)
Box 357 (5½ miles east of Trout Lake, 1 mile south of M-48) (Tel. Trout Lake 602)
Mrs. Earl Bradley

MINNESOTA

INONA (Quentin Matthes)
Grace Brethren Church (16)
Lots at 7th and 45th Sts. (Mailing address: 4340 Eighth St.)
Mrs. Everett Bearden, Lewiston, Minn.

NEBRASKA

EAVER CITY (Dayton C. Cundiff)
Grace Brethren Church (95)
(Tel. Colony 8-4561)
Mrs. Alfred Cass

NEW MEXICO

LBUQUERQUE (Robert Salazar)
Grace Brethren Church (41)
149 Daniel Circle N. W. (Tel. DI 4-2996)
Mrs. John Salazar, 7835½ 2d St., N.W.

AOS (Sam Horney)
Canon Brethren Church (La Iglesia de los Hermanos de Canon) (125)
Mile east of Taos on Raton Highway 64 (Mailing address: Box 1531) (Tel. Plaza 8-3388)
Felix Archuleta, Box 184

OHIO

AKRON (Vernon Harris)
Fairlawn Brethren Church (92)
754 Ghent Road, Zone 13, (Tel. MO 6-8341) (State Rte. 176, one mile south of Ghent)
Mrs. Glen Gray, 2018 Thurmont Rd., Zone 13

AKRON (W. Russell Ogden)
First Brethren Church (301)
530 Stetler Ave., Zone 12 (Ellet area) (Tel. 733-2520)
Mrs. Joseph Bry, 438 Stevenson Ave., Zone 12

ANKENYTOWN (Howard Snively)
First Brethren Church (90)
R.R. 1, Bellville, Ohio (Tel. Fredericktown 694-2217)
Mrs. Harold Daniels, R.R. 2, Butler, Ohio

ASHLAND (Miles Taber)
Grace Brethren Church (520)
615 W. Tenth St. and Keen at Budd Aves. (two locations) (Tel. 4-5374 and 4-5251)
Mrs. Jesse McDaniel, 2350 Bell Trail

BARBERTON (Norton Village) (R. Wm. Markley)
First Brethren Church (61)
3970 Cleveland-Massillon Rd. (Tel. VA 5-6291) (Norton Village)
Mrs. Robert Spahr, 252 16th St., N.W.

BROOKVILLE (Clair Brickel)
Brookville Grace Brethren Church (18)
R.R. 1, Box 315 (Tel. 833-3630)
Meeting place, Golden Gate Park Pavilion
Mrs. Keith Hershey, R.R. 2

CAMDEN (Frank H. Gardner, Jr.)
First Brethren Church (78)
West Central Ave. at Lafayette St. (Tel. Globe 2-1538)
Mrs. Dorothy Davenport, 183 N. 2d St.

CANTON (John R. Dilling)
Grace Brethren Church (304)
6283 Market Ave. N., Zone 20 (Tel. Hyacinth 40516)
Mrs. Adrian Preda, 270 Maplecrest S.W., Zone 20

CLAYTON
First Brethren Church (242)
Box 8, Highway 49 and Kimmell Rd. (Tel. Temple 6-6247)
Mrs. Lewis Requarth, R.R. 1, Box 299, Brookville, Ohio

CLEVELAND
First Brethren Church (97)
5564 Mayfield Rd. Zone 24 (Tel. 442-5353)
Mrs. Don Holder, 1351 Iroquois, Zone 24

COVINGTON (William Gray)
First Brethren Church (99)
Spring and Pearl Sts. (Tel. GR 3-1351)
Miss Dorma Jean Hoblit, R.R. 1, Ludlow Falls, Ohio

CUYAHOGA FALLS (Richard L. Burch)
Grace Brethren Church (113)
1736 E. Bailey Rd. (Tel. Akron 923-8203)
Mrs. Marilyn Burdett, 1630 2d St.

DANVILLE (Melvin C. Hobson)
Danville Brethren Church (49)
E. Ross Street, Southeast corner of Danville
Mrs. Ross Magers, R.R. 2, Howard, Ohio

DAYTON (Forrest Jackson)
First Brethren Church (501)
1684 Earlham at Philadelphia Dr., Zone 6 (Tel. 277-3741)
Mrs. Don E. Wolfe, 1532 Shelley Dr., Zone 6

DAYTON (Everett N. Caes)
Grace Brethren Church (99)
5130 Hoover, Zone 27, (Tel. Al 3-1504).
Mrs. Doris Hapner, 866 Strawber Row, Zone 27

DAYTON (C. S. Zimmerman)
The Brethren Church of Hub Heights (15)
5901 Chambersburg Rd.
Mrs. Ray Bonham, 216 N. Main S New Carlisle, Ohio

DAYTON (Russell M. Ward)
North Riverdale Brethren Churc (354)
4101 N. Main St., Zone 5 (Te Crestview 4-2187)
Mrs. Earl Strehl, 2901 Ridge Av (Zone 14)

DAYTON (Nathan D. Casement)
The Patterson Park Brethren Churc (235)
708 Shadowlawn Ave. Corner of Pa terson Rd., One block east Shroyer Rd. (Tel. AX 3-6284)
Ray Rudolph, 2617 Winlow Dr., Zone 16

ELYRIA (Galen M. Lingenfelter)
Grace Brethren Church (94)
1305 Nash Ave. On State Rte. 30 three blocks north of turnpike, tu right on Berkshire Rd. to Nas Ave. (Tel. Emerson 6-0755)
Howard H. Carter, 380 Griswold Road

ENGLEWOOD (Lon Karns)
Grace Brethren Church (202)
307 W. Wenger Rd.
Mrs. H. C. Petry, Jr., 36 Rio Grand Trotwood 26, Ohio

FINDLAY (Gerald Teeter)
Findlay Brethren Church (190)
209 Lexington Ave. (Tel. 422-814
Mrs. Richard Cornwell, 315 Prenti St.

REMONT (Granville Tucker)
Brethren Chapel (12)
1611 North St. (Tel. FE 2-6109)
Constance Tucker, 501 Bidwell Ave.

REMONT (Thomas Hammers)
Grace Brethren Church (247)
300 S. Collinwood Blvd. (Tel. 332-8672)
Mrs. Carl Brooks, 210 Cottage St.

ALION (Charles Thornton)
Grace Brethren Church (16)
201 S. Columbus St.
Mrs. Kenneth Gulick, Bucyrus Rd.

OMERVILLE (Robert Holmes)
West Homer Brethren Church (138)
R.R. 1, Homerville (2 miles west, 1 mile north of Homerville on County Rd. 26) (Tel. 625-2579)
Mrs. Edmund Crosby, R.R. 1, Lodi, Ohio

ETTERING (Henry Barnhart)
Calvary Brethren Church (138)
2850 East Dorothy Lane, Zone 20 (Mail: 605 Cushing Ave., Kettering 29, Ohio) (Tel. 298-2212)
Eugene Miller, 5960 Clar-Von Dr., Dayton 30, Ohio

ANSFIELD (R. Paul Miller, Jr.)
Grace Brethren Church (416)
Marion Ave. and Forest St. (Tel. 522-3941)
Mrs. David McGinty, 135 Brinkerhoff Ave.

ANSFIELD (M. L. Myers)
Woodville Grace Brethren Church (170)
580 Woodville Rd. (Tel. LA 4-9273)
Mrs. Walter Kopcial, 223 Reform St.

IDDLEBRANCH (Wesley Haller)
First Brethren Church (210)
2911 William St., N.E. (Tel. Canton-HYacinth 9-6691)
Mrs. Doris Eckelberry, 3615 Nickel Plate Ave. N.E., Louisville, Ohio

RITTMAN (Charles W. Turner)
First Brethren Church (248)
44 S. First St., (Tel. 925-3626)
Mrs. Iva Moine, R.R., Sterling, Ohio

SINKING SPRING (Jacob Couser)
Grace Brethren Church (57)
Temporary location 3½ miles west of Sinking Spring at Olive Branch
Mrs. Shirley Couser

STERLING (James O. Young)
First Brethren Church (138)
R.R. 1
Mrs. Herbert Shane, 68 Washington St., Rittman, Ohio

TROTWOOD (Larry K. Gegner)
Grace Brethren Church (79)
12 Strader Dr., Zone 26 (across from the Madison High School) (Tel. 837-6663)
Dr. Joseph Mohler, R.R.1, Clayton, Ohio

TROY (Herman Hein, Jr.)
Grace Brethren Church (103)
527 N. Market St. (Tel. 335-1852)
Mrs. Edsel Gumbert, 604 Miami St.

VANDALIA (Sherwood Durkee)
Vandalia Grace Brethren Church (35)
Mailing address: 432 Randler Ave.
Mrs. Vera Applegate, 7030 N. Main St., Dayton 15, Ohio

WEST ALEXANDRIA (Horace Mohler)
Grace Brethren Community Church (103)
R.R. 3 (2½ mi. east of Eaton on Route 35)
Mrs. Orville Flora, 154 N. Main St., Camden, Ohio

WOOSTER (Kenneth B. Ashman)
First Brethren Church (373)
Box 1, Burbank Rd. at Reed Rd., Hwy. 76 north in Wooster, Ohio (Tel. AN 3-3646)
Mrs. James Johnson, Box 1

OREGON

ALBANY (Nelson Hall)
Grace Brethren Church (75)
Eighth and Ermine Sts. (¼ mile west of Freeway 99 at the Albany exit) (Tel. WA 6-1836)
Mrs. Willis Burck, 731 Broadalbin

PORTLAND (Neil Beery)
Grace Brethren Church (38)
7015 N.E. 23d Ave., Zone 11 (1 block south of U.S. 30 Bypass) (Tel. ATlantic 8-2436)
Mrs. John Marquardt, 7024 N.E. 23d Ave.

PENNSYLVANIA

ALEPPO (W. Wayne Baker)
Aleppo Brethren Church (144)
Nellie M. Taylor

ALLENTOWN (John Neely)
First Brethren Church (76)
632-34 N. 5th St. (all church mail to parsonage) (Tel. 432-8913)
Elmer E. Fehnel, 514 N. Muhlenberg St.

ALTOONA (Ralph S. Burns)
First Brethren Church (158)
Maple Ave. and 30th St. (Tel. WI 2-7642)
Mr. Ray Sell, Jr., 2604 W. Chestnut Ave.

ALTOONA (Roy E. Glass)
Grace Brethren Church (138)
Broadway and 15th Ave. (Juniata) (Tel. WI 2-8861)
Mrs. Marion Luke, R.R. 1, Hollidaysburg, Pa.

CONEMAUGH (Don K. Rager)
Conemaugh Brethren Church (150)
Second and Oak Sts.
Mrs. William Gillespie, 278 Ross Lane

CONEMAUGH (Clair Gartland)
Pike Brethren Church (220)
R.R. 1, Box 288, Conemaugh (
Old Route 22, 7 miles west
Ebensburg, at Mundy's Corne
(Tel. Nanty-Glo 4-6742)
Mrs. Naomi Fitz, R.R. 1, Conemaug
Pa.

DUNCANSVILLE (Victor S. Roger
Leamersville Grace Brethren Chur
(195)
R.R. 2 (4 miles S. on Rte. 220)
Mrs. Betty Benton, R.R. 1, Holl
daysburg, Pa.

EVERETT (Homer Lingenfelter)
Everett Grace Brethren Church (10
14 W. Main (Tel. Everett 652-361
Fred B. Bucher, 14 W. 2d St.

HARRISBURG
Melrose Gardens Brethren Churc
(113)
22d and Swatara Sts. (Tel. CEdar 8
4186)
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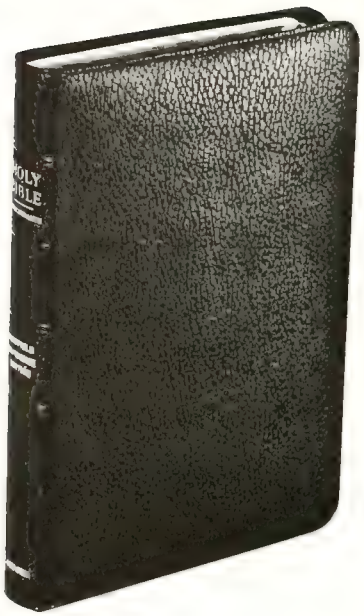
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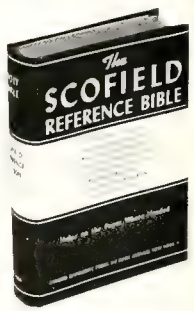
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Help Keep the Ranks Full!

The Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church has never had enough missionaries to properly care for the fields to which we believe the Lord has led us. In all of our seven fields—Africa, Argentina, Brazil, France, Hawaii, Mexico, and Puerto Rico—God has called some Brethren people to serve. We believe it is His purpose to supply the personnel needs of all the fields into which He leads His people. We can only conclude that God must have called Brethren people to these fields, people who failed to say "Yes" to God's call.

It is Biblical to believe God will supply the personnel needs. God's Word uses such active words as GO, TELL, SEND, WITNESS, PREACH, EXHORT; yes, we are even told to OCCUPY until the Lord Jesus comes again.

In some of our fields we may have had enough missionaries to get the evangelizing done. But now the need is even greater, the need for more missionaries who will teach and train the *believers* of those lands to do two things. *First,* to finish the job of evangelizing. This is not really a job for the missionaries. In doing it they would rob the believers in the lands of the blessing. It is the business of those believers to finish this job, but they need much teaching and encouraging. *Second,* to help edify and stabilize the church in the land. There is always danger that the church could suffer great sorrow and might actually fall apart without the counsel and exhortation and prayer on the part of the missionaries. Then we would be in a worse predicament than before.

In other fields we have never had enough missionaries to do more than get a little toehold. Sometimes it has seemed that the toehold was not too secure. There are times when only one missionary family is present on a field. Illness or some calamity in that family could completely close the field, and all done would be lost.

No field should be expected to carry on a successful program with less than four to six regular missionary families; yet, we have four fields with three families or less! There should never be a time when there are less than three missionary families on a field. To guarantee this, and allow for furloughs, a total of four to six families is necessary.

Hear the story of our need! The number of our missionary personnel increased to a peak of 112 in 1960. Then, from causes mostly beyond our control or the control of the missionaries, the number of active missionaries dropped to less than 100. When we had 112, we had just about half the number necessary to do a good job of occupying and holding the fields we have entered. Now we are in grave danger of losing ground. Our missionaries are doing the work of double their number, but they are wearing out. They will not be able to keep up this pace. They must have help. We have very few missionary candidates who will be ready to go in the immediate future; in fact, we have very few candidates. We plead with you, dear reader: "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth [thrust forth] labourers into his harvest."

Then, too, in spite of all that our faithful missionaries can do, there seems to be a feeling among our Brethren churches that the need for foreign missionaries is almost over. For them to tell of the great successes and the large increase in the number of believers, especially in Africa, may have led some to this conclusion. But it is so very untrue! There are many believers, but it takes many more missionaries to teach and train than it does to evangelize. One preacher may speak to thousands, and hundreds may accept Christ. However, several missionaries are required to efficiently teach and train the hundreds. Usually a successful Bible class can only accommodate a few dozen at the most, and it is much better if two or three teachers may share in the teaching program than to have it done by just one person. The most efficient way is for one missionary to teach one or two, or at the most three believers, until they can teach others as well as the missionary has done. It requires a large number of missionary personnel if we want to establish and stabilize strong Brethren churches in our various lands.

Pray with us that the ranks may be kept full!

COVER PHOTO—FOREIGN MISSION ISSUE



A lovely chateau in France, photographed by Rev. Tom Julien, typifies the proud background of culture and beauty in this land where Brethren workers are seeking to help spread the Gospel.

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WE HAD A MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

BY REV. JOHN R. TERRELL

Pastor, First Brethren Church
Martinsburg, Pennsylvania

Why have a missionary conference? Aren't revival meetings easier? Wouldn't a Bible conference take less work? Why go to so much trouble and bother?

Ever wonder why the cause of missions suffers so much today and is seemingly always short of necessary funds? I want to suggest this. The possibility is great that the reason there are so many unreached heathen today is the fact that there are so many unreached hearts in the Christian church. What I mean by this is that many Christians have never really received a burden regarding their personal responsibility in winning the lost for Christ.

A growing trend in evangelical churches is to have yearly missionary conferences. Success has been the byword of this trend. Missionary conferences have brought poignant awakenings to complacent congregations. Lives have been uniquely challenged and enriched. Revivals have resulted. Unreached Christians have been reached.

Some of these thoughts and facts led us to sponsor a missionary conference. After a request was made to the Foreign Missionary Society, an excellent team of four missionaries-on-furlough was assigned to take part in our week-long series of missionary services.

Included in the varied program were missionary challenges, stories and music, colored films and slides, a missionary fair, a children's missionary rally, and a youth missionary party. Pictures, banners, signs, and curios all added to the missionary atmosphere.

Each morning during the conference, at 9:00, the missionaries, pastor, and several interested lay people gathered for a time of missions-discussion and prayer. The congregation often prays for the missionaries, but this was a significant change. Here, the missionaries prayed mainly for the congregation. Can a congregation remain the same after a team of consecrated missionaries has fervently prayed for it for a solid week?

In the afternoons at two o'clock, we had a Visitation Hour. Available lay people took our missionaries into the homes of prospects, the spiritually negligent, shut-ins, and the sick. In other words, the missionaries did missionary work right in our own community. This program was not only worthwhile to those who were visited, but was also an encouraging boost to those who accompanied the missionaries. Seldom do lay people get such practical lessons on visitation and personal evangelism.

The full impact of this week of missionary blessing will probably remain inestimable. The Lord did, however, crown this, our beginning conference, with: 1. Decisions of total commitment; 2. a new concern for the unconverted; 3. a new interest in Brethren missions; 4. an increased missionary "faith-promise" for the coming year.

Many unreached Christians were reached in our conference. We think this is a necessary step toward a genuine revival. Of course, some might think we've gone off on a *tangent* in respect to missions. We think we've gone back to our primary *task* as servants of the Lord.

We're expecting even greater things as we look forward to next year's conference. Want to get in on the blessing?

Excerpt from the Martinsburg church bulletin for October 7, 1962:

Missionary Conference Gleanings

- Average attendance for the eight services was 163.
- Visits made by missionaries, pastor, laymen—fifty-two.
- Saturday morning's Children's Missionary Rally was attended by 141. There were five decisions for salvation; eight decisions for rededication.
- Forty attended the Missionary Youth Rally on Saturday evening.
- Eight responded in last service of the conference: three for rededication; five indicating commitment for full-time Christian service.
- Forty-six "faith-promise" cards were turned in for a total of $2,325. Twenty-two cards were from teen-agers and children, twenty-four cards were from adults.

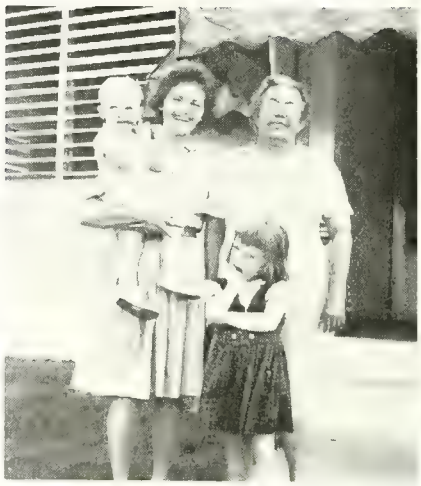
Missionaries taking part in the Martinsburg conference were Dr. Orville Jobson, Dr. Floyd Taber, Rev. J. Paul Dowdy, and Rev. Tom Julien.

PUERTO RICO--

Gospel Venture for the Brethren

By Rev. Clyde K. Landrum

Assistant General Secretary



Mrs. James Dickson with Joel and Jackie and Mrs. Nieves of the Spanish-speaking group.

A development coming from the annual meeting of the FMS board of trustees this past August was that Brother Herman J. Schumacher, board member from Osceola, Indiana, and I were asked to go to Puerto Rico on behalf of the board, to survey the Brethren work there and make recommendations concerning it.

We left Indiana on September 15 and returned September 22. The week in Puerto Rico was full to the limit—attending services, meeting the congregations and other people, taking pictures, visiting schools, having interviews with various individuals, and attempting to gain an overall picture of the situation in this short time. We praise the Lord for giving physical strength, and for enabling us to crowd so much into this week.

Some of our "findings," as we later listed them in our report to the board, were as follows:

1. That there is a tremendous need for gospel preaching ministries on the island of Puerto Rico! Wherever one turns he sees needy souls and needy situations. We believe our board has made the right step in entering the needy field of Puerto Rico.
2. That the people of Puerto Rico desire such a work as our board carries on. We found this on the part of the "continentals" (people who have gone to Puerto Rico from the United States), as well as on the part of the Puerto Ricans.
3. That our workers there have labored faithfully and diligently. The Puerto Ricans were very free with their comments as to the diligent manner in which both the Dicksons and the Brennemans have applied themselves to this task at hand.
4. That there is a genuine need for both a Spanish-speaking and an English-speaking testimony in Puerto Rico. Furthermore, we found that while the need for ministering to the continentals in an English-speaking work was evident, an even greater need seems to exist to reach English-speaking Puerto Ricans.

In recommendations made to the board after our return, the following suggestions were included:

1. That we continue our efforts in the field of Puerto Rico.
2. That we intensify our efforts toward establishing an effective, indigenous work to reach the Spanish-speaking people of Puerto Rico—that we continue Brother James Dickson as our missionary in reaching the Spanish-speaking people of Puerto Rico for Christ and in establishing indigenous churches; that we commend the Dicksons for the progress they have made thus far in getting such a work underway, and encourage them to continue their efforts; and that we express our joy in the progress they have made in learning the Spanish and in their ability to communicate the gospel message to the Spanish-speaking people in this field.
3. That we sponsor the English-speaking ministry as an integral part of our missionary endeavor in Puerto Rico—that we ask Brother Maxwell Brenneman to be our missionary in reaching the English-speaking Puerto Ricans for Christ and in establishing indigenous churches; and that we commend the Brennemans on the progress of the English work and encourage them to seek to enlarge the work as the Lord leads.
4. That for the future we recommend:
 (a) All the missionaries be encouraged to pursue faithfully and persistently the study of the Spanish language, realizing that a good knowledge of Spanish is essential to obtaining best results in Puerto Rico.
 (b) As soon as possible, classes in the area of leadership training be started for the workers on a field-

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A Sunday congregation of the English-speaking testimony—Rev. and Mrs. Maxwell Brenneman at the left.

Do We Want Broken Watch Springs?



By Rev. George Cone, Jr.

Wananga wanted a watch. Every man in Africa who has enough money wants a watch. It does not make any difference whether he can read time or not, every important person needs a watch. Wananga is not just an ordinary person, he is the mayor of a group of villages numbering possibly 3,000 people. So, when he asked me to get him a watch, I complied.

When the watch arrived, I carefully instructed him to wind the watch each day at the same time. Only once a day, and always at the same time if possible, either morning or evening. However, that was an instruction a bit hard to follow. Every time he looked at his arm, he thought maybe he should give the spring a twist just for good measure. Within the course of a day, Wananga had many occasions to look at his watch. Consequently, the spring was kept tight eighteen hours a day; the only rest it got was when Wananga was asleep, and since he is an important man, that was not so often as an ordinary person. Too much tension, too much attention—and the spring, although a very good one, was not able to take it any longer. I now have the watch in my desk drawer awaiting a trip back to the watchmaker to be repaired.

This little story is a true one, but it only involves a few dollars for repairs, and really it would not be a great tragedy if it never were repaired, for Wananga does not read or need timepieces anyway.

However, there is another story of a very similar occurrence here in Africa, which is far more costly and exceedingly more tragic. Let me tell you this other story.

Africans need the Gospel of our Lord Jesus just as much as other human creatures of God. It does not really matter whether they think they need the Gospel or not, they are lost and need His saving grace.

The Brethren Church has accepted the challenge of that great need and has sent missionaries and supplies to meet the need. A church has begun and souls are being reached day after day. Christians are growing in grace and His name is being glorified.

However, for a number of years now there have been no new recruits to come to the field. The goal once established to have two missionary men in every district, has never been met. In fact, the existing personnel has been so diminished in recent years that in 1963, providing Brother C. B. Sheldon is permitted by his doctors to return to the field, there will be four men for eight districts. That is to say, instead of two men per district, there are two districts per man.

Due to this great lack of missionaries, each person now on the field is a bit like the spring in Wananga's watch. Every time the missionary turns his eyes, he sees another need that is not being met. Every African pastor with whom he comes in contact presents another demand on his time and energy. The spring is being wound too often and too tight. How much longer can it take the tension? Only God knows.

We have instructions from God's Word to "Be careful [or anxious] for nothing." We are told to "Rest in Him." But, these are instructions that are a bit hard to follow under the demands now upon us. In a time when further loss of missionary personnel would be a tragedy—both in the realm of morale in the African church and in financial loss for the Mission—can our church afford not to send us help immediately.

The African church is even now saying we have forsaken them. They have temptations on every hand. The Catholic priests are making their pleas, especially this year, that the church become one. They have much to give the African in realms of finance and personnel. Instead of subtracting and dividing numbers, they are multiplying. Not only the Catholics, but other sects are coming in rapidly.

Africa is no longer a dark, sleeping nation. It is an awakened liberated giant, and if we do not meet the challenges of this day, we will not reach these people for our Saviour; we will not have a church in Africa.

If you do not want to see many more missionary "watches" put in the drawer for repairs because of too great a load, send us help now. Come to help us.

We need people to work in literature to meet the thirst for knowledge. We need secretaries and printers for the production of literature. We need equipment on which to print our literature. We need teachers of the Bible to meet the basic challenge of preparing leaders in the African church. We need seminary teachers to complete that preparation. We need a business manager to care for the financial problems. We need youth workers to prepare our youth. We need doctors and nurses to care for the sick. We need *you*, and if you do not come to help *now*, the spring will not be able to take it much longer and the repairs needed may be expensive or, even worse, tragic for the African church.

THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

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UNCLE CLYDE RETURNS FROM PUERTO RICO

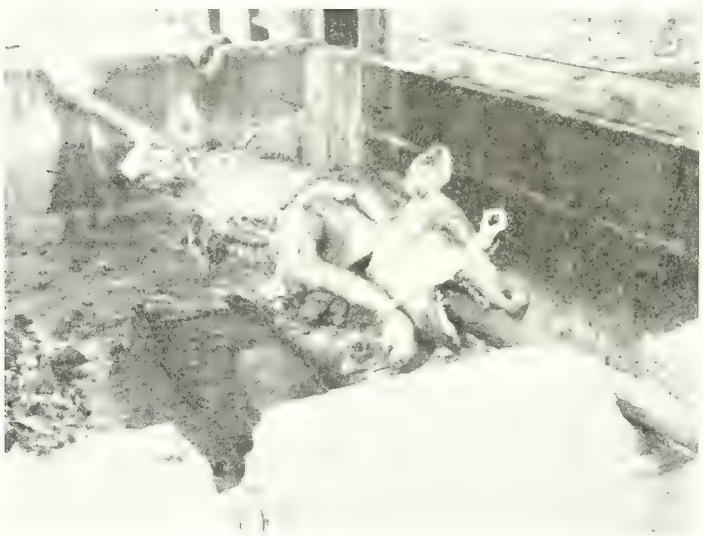
When Uncle Clyde got back from Puerto Rico he brought so many interesting pictures and things that we just had to share them with you.

Below is a pig tied to a pole and roasted over the fire. They cut off pieces of the meat and sell it. This is a real treat in Puerto Rico. Anyone care for a bite?

Some of the policemen ride around on horses and are called "Mounted Police." This man in the picture was riding along the ocean patrolling the beach.

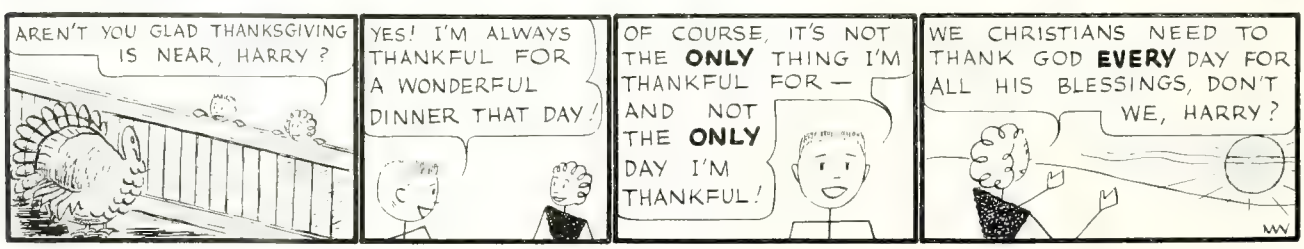
The boys and girls in the picture at the right are playing at the village well. Everyone comes here to get water for drinking and washing, and the kids come to cool their feet! Most of the children in Puerto Rico speak Spanish, you know, and have dark skin. Many of them have dark hearts also because they haven't heard about Jesus and how He can make their hearts white and clean. Won't you pray, MH'ers, for our missionaries as they tell these kids about the Lord?







MARY MISSIONARY— CKL



FROM THE DIARY OF PASTOR TRINITY

By Rev. Bill Burk

"Pastor Trinity" is really Senhor Eulalio Trindade, pastor of the Santo Antonio Bay Brethren Church in the Amazon region of Brazil.)

25 de Junho (June) de 1962. Monday. Traveled with Brother Bill to the Bay of the Sun in order to visit the brethren. We picked up Senhor Raimundo Sena and continued to the home of Brother Assis Gomes, finding him cutting a tree which must have been fed milk to be so big. His wife and children are with health. This is good. Then we stopped at the home of Senhor Lira and it is with great satisfaction that we note that he and his wife are greatly interested in the Gospel. Later returning directly to Santo Antonio Bay we stopped at the home of Senhor—now Brother—Otaviano. Continues sick physically, but is now with spiritual health, for today, thanks to God, he accepted Christ as his only Saviour and in our presence gave his testimony of faith.

29 de Junho. Friday. Bible study here at home. We had the presence of brothers Heitor and Nazare. Senhor Heitor came accompanied by his wife and children. Brother Bill also made himself accompanied by his wife, and while we men studied in the front room, the ladies conversed in the kitchen. All was to the building up of the brethren. In the afternoon I finished building a wall for my house.

1 de Julho (July). Sunday. Arrived in the morning the Brother Benjamin Silva, pastor of the Possum Island Brethren Church. He came (by sailboat) accompanied by his wife and daughters, mother-in-law, sister-in-law, and still a young neighbor boy. We left immediately for our church on Santo Antonio Bay. The meeting was under my direction, the message was given by Brother Benjamin (Joao 14:1-15). At the invitation, a young fellow by name Manoel de Nazare Costa made his public decision for Christ.

2 de Julho. Monday. Sailed to Mosqueiro and returned at about ten hours. I did nothing more this day for I was stung by some poisonous insect and spent the rest of the day suffering strong pains.

4 de Julho. Wednesday. I passed the night of yesterday-to-today with fever and continued sick today. I did nothing but study Analysis of Ephesians.

6. Friday. Brother Bill arrived (via *Vamos)* in the morning for our Bible study. In the afternoon he returned to tell me that Brother Otaviano was in his last moments of life in the place called Joao Pilatos. I prepared to spend the night there.

7. Saturday. When morning broke I was still in Joao Pilatos (having spent the night with the dying brother). Before seven hours in the morning our Brother Otaviano died. (Brother Otaviano was a witch doctor. Among his last words, before the Lord called him home, were "I am in glory"; "Heaven is beautiful. There is no darkness." "At what hour does the tide recede?" "Why?" asked someone in the room. "I am preparing myself to travel."—BB)

10. Tuesday. I and Dona Jacira and also the children left in the boat to visit the brother Leopoldo. He is now much better, thanks to God. On the return trip we stopped at the house of Joao Cardoso with the end to see his son who hurt himself in a near-fatal fall. At the request of the father of the boy I applied an injection of penicillin.

14. Saturday. I repaired shrimp traps, did other services at home and studied Ephesians.

29. Sunday. Meeting on Santo Antonio Bay. Only I and Jacira went, arriving early. Good meeting. Fifteen persons were present, each cooperating with maximum attention and order which impressed me significantly. After the preaching, at the hour of the invitation, Marcelino Lopes Batista, born on Jaguar Island on 2 de Junho de 1940, decided

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Pastor and Mrs. Trinity, left, and their family, right.

Missionary Mailbag

Icoaraci, Brazil

We are really thrilled about this work (evangelism by jeep and trailer) and have found a place for another missionary family. It is the last town before entering the jungle and would serve as a base for the activity of someone who would be able to go out on the road in both directions as well as work in the town itself. The town has grown fifty percent since the opening of the new road and the future is good.

The work of the Icoaraci church is going very well under the direction of the national pastor. We started a Bible school contest which has greatly stimulated the attendance, and the church people are conducting services in homes during the week, which have brought people to know the Lord.

All are well here, and we are rejoicing in the blessing of the power of the Word.

—Rev. J. Keith Altig

Huinca Renanco, Argentina

We are planning to take our vacation at the end of this month to go to Buenos Aires to hear Billy Graham and also to see some points of interest there. It hardly seems possible that it has been a year since we left the States. It has been a wonderful year, full, challenging, and blessed.

We are praising the Lord for giving us a car. Clark brought the Ford A back from Rio Cuarto last week and today is in Canada Verde making arrangements for the meetings there each week. It seems our schedule is so full, and yet we thank the Lord for opening each opportunity to get the Word out. We went to Realico yesterday, and it's amazing but there isn't any gospel testimony there either. So pray that the Lord will give wisdom and strength for branching out with His message.

—Mrs. Clark Miller

M'Baiki, Central African Republic

We are now at M'Baiki giving the Bible Institute entrance exam. Since the month of April my wife and I have been to all the stations twice, and are now on our last trip around to each of them to give the exam. We have been home (Bossembele) just three weeks in these last seven months, but God has given us good health and a good little girl, so it has not been too difficult; in fact, we have felt that it has been a wonderful ministry.

However, there are some of the missionaries who aren't made to take all these tensions that go with so much work to do and so little time to do it. Too many things to do and not enough personnel to get it done. Unless we get some more missionaries out here to help us soon, don't be surprised if you have a few more coming home on sick leave and maybe not able to come back. I have felt so strongly about the needs out here that I have finally done the impossible for me. I sat down and wrote out six articles and you will find them enclosed. (See the first one of these, entitled "Do We Want Broken Watch Springs?" on another page of this issue.—FMS Editor)

We go to Bangui from here, then Bouca, Batangafo, Bossangoa, Bekoro, N'Zoro, which takes us to the end of October . . .

Probably we haven't been giving you enough ammunition, or materialism is getting too strong a hold on the church at home, or something—but it surely has been a long time since you have sent us any missionaries . . .

—Rev. George Cone, Jr.

Don Bosco, Argentina

Argentina has gone through another revolution! It took place in the main very near our home, but I was at the Bible Institute (at Almafuerte) through it all. Just how many dead and wounded there were, nobody knows nor can the public be sure of the real issue at stake.

—Rev. Solon Hoyt

Capanema, Brazil

On the project report I notice there is $339 in Capanema Day School fund. Would you please transfer $100 of this to Brazil account so we can start to buy materials. Due to dollar exchange at the moment, I can get the bricks at a very reasonable price, but I must act fast. Too bad we don't have more in the fund for we could make a considerable saving by purchasing the materials now. (There is a very urgent need for about $2,300 to complete this building.—FMS Editor)

—Rev. John Zielasko

Wahiawa, Hawaii

We don't want to be exalted beyond measure, but we would like to just mention a few of the blessings that are attending the work here. It seems the Lord is continuing to open



the way before us, and we greatly rejoice.

First, since we wrote last, we have had the largest attendance ever, on September 9. The Sunday school is holding very steady and "has been" growing. Then yesterday afternoon (Oct. 7) we had the privilege of holding our first baptismal service and experienced the joy of taking thirteen candidates into the waters of baptism—six adults, four teen-agers, and three juniors. This number could have been expanded, but we purposely discouraged some because they are of the military and will soon be moving away, while others are regular but we do not have the support of the parents. We thought it best not to press the matter with these too much. We anticipate within a month or two another baptismal service where we feel sure additional adults will be participating, perhaps other young people as well.

Last night we called our people together for the purpose of suggesting incorporation and expansion. Everyone testified concerning their salvation and Christian experience and some very vital testimonies, indeed, were shared. It thrilled our hearts. With unanimous consent the motion was made and passed that we investigate the requirements for incorporation, and proceed. Then we suggested to the people the great opportunity and responsibility that will be ours in light of the development of this area with construction possibly beginning within a year. A complete new town is planned for completion within ten years, which will contain everything including some ten to twelve schools. Homes are to be in the $12,000-$20,000 bracket. I attended a meeting last week and heard two of the officials of the developers speaking, and the scope is tremendous. Our people here are enthused . . . Brethren, "A great door and effectual is opened . . ." "Come over and help us . . ." NOW is OUR opportunity.

—Rev. Foster Tresise

Icoaraci, Brazil

It's still too early to say the work is going to give us another church in this location (Santo Antonio—*not* the same place as "Santo Antonio Bay" mentioned in "From the Diary of Pastor Trinity," elsewhere in this issue—FMS Editor), but there is much interest and the Word is opening doors so rapidly that sometimes we're almost afraid to enter. You can pray that we'll have faith and wisdom concerning this work.

—Rev. George Johnson

Castelar, Argentina

We have closed out the second year for the statistical records and they look pretty good on paper. In Sunday school our 1960-61 average was 14.66 and this year it was 32.33. In the evening service it went from 19.1 to 27.2. During this year we have had six decisions for the Lord that we know of. This last Sunday we had seven unsaved in the audience, but no decisions for the Lord. Our offerings in the same period of time have doubled for which we praise Him. The Lord willing, we are going to begin a class for fifth, sixth, and seventh graders this Sunday. We have a fine group of them. The last meeting that we had for that age group we had sixteen and several were missing.

We have all been enjoying good health, for which we praise Him.

—Rev. Donald Bishop

Puerto Rico . . .

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wide basis and that this be looked upon as the beginning of a plan to establish a Bible institute in Puerto Rico.

(c) To get these plans underway, and to solidify and strengthen the work, we further recommend that authorized personnel from the States visit Puerto Rico regularly.

The missionaries have signified their willingness to cooperate in carrying out these recommendations and are already taking steps toward forming a field council and getting the two aspects of our work on a solid, unified basis. In another "official" visit to Puerto Rico, it will be the privilege of board member Ivan Moomaw and me to spend several days there on our return trip from South America, the visit now being scheduled for December 15-19.

Won't you please pray for the Puerto Rico work and workers, that the Lord may give many victories in the preaching of His Word on our youngest Brethren mission field.

May we ask your prayer also for the trip Brother Moomaw and I, accompanied by our wives, are making to South America, spending a number of weeks in Argentina, and then a time in Brazil and the brief visit in Puerto Rico. We need physical strength, and wisdom which can come only from the Lord in this trip of survey and recommendation.

From the Diary . . .

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himself in favor of Christ, saying that from now on he would be firm and that he hoped never to backslide. May it be thus! The offering basket contained Cr$420,00 (less than a dollar—BB). In the afternoon I visited Antonio Cardoso.

3 *de Agosto (August)*. Friday. Today there was no study in my house, the motive being that we had to do a service in the interest of the people of this place. The service was the installation of a notification post of the Campaign for Eradication of Malaria. To initiate this service Senhor Bill and a guard from the campaign were here in the morning and we went as far as the Saragoco in this work. (Pastor Trinity's chief job will be to make microscope slides of the blood of fever victims and then to administer the anti-malarial drug. I later pick up the slides for delivery to the campaign's headquarters in Belem. The results indicate the follow-up treatment necessary in each case. Thus, a batch of slides, alcohol, needle, and so forth, has become a part of the gear for each of the three island pastors and also for the missionary.—BB)

THE BIG NEWS

MEMBER EPA EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION

SAN JOSE, CALIF. Lyle W. Marvin reports that on Oct. 7 all records were broken in Sunday school and the morning worship service. There were 168 in Sunday school, and 102 in the morning worship service.

SUNNYSIDE, WASH. The fourth annual Greater Yakima Valley Brethren Sunday School Convention will be held in the First Brethren Church, Nov. 12-14. H. Leslie Moore will be the host pastor and will also preside the first day, while Don Farner, Toppenish, Wash., and George Christie, Grandview, Wash., will preside the other days. Dr. Harold Etling, National Sunday School director, will be the main speaker.

LONGVIEW, TEX. Dr. and Mrs. Paul Bauman are now living in an apartment on the campus of LeTourneau College, which is a technical and liberal arts college. Their address should be changed to LeTourneau College. The Russel Dunlap family purchased the former Bauman home in Winona Lake, Ind., and are now at home there, where Mr. Dunlap is the business manager of Grace Seminary and College.

LANCASTER, PA. Dr. Frank C. Torrey, well-known Bible Conference speaker, resigned as pastor of the Calvary Independent Church after serving the church for 26 years. He will move to Boca Raton, Fla. Although he is retiring from the active ministry, he expects to be engaged in Bible conferences. Dr. Torrey has ministered in Grace Seminary and College and many Brethren churches and conferences.

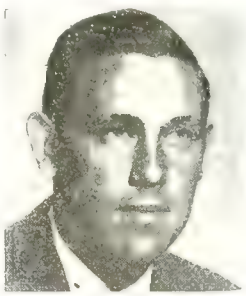
COMPTON, CALIF. Tony Fontane, nationally-known recording artist, was the guest soloist and speaker at the First Brethren Church on Sept. 30. A number of decisions for Christ were made at the service. Edwin Cashman, pastor.

ALEXANDRIA, VA. The congregation of the Commonwealth Avenue Brethren Church arranged a surprise reception for the pastor, John J. Burns, and his family, on Sept. 30. A gift of money was given in appreciation for the six years of pastoral service in this church.

WASHINGTON, D. C. The congregation of the Grace Brethren Church of Greater Washington has voted to purchase four and a half acres of property on St. Barnabas Road. James G. Dixon is pastor.

WINONA LAKE, IND. Steven Lee, weighed 8 lbs. 15 oz. on arrival Oct. 14. He makes the fourth grandson of Dr. and Mrs. Herman W. Koontz, of York, Pa. His father, Charles Koontz, is the College Bookstore manager. His two other brothers are quite happy with their new brother.

FORT WAYNE, IND. Glen E. Crabb, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, was publicly ordained to the Christian ministry on Oct. 7. Mark Malles, pastor of the First Brethren Church, presided at the service, and



Glen E. Crabb

Rev. Lester E. Pifer, asst. secy. of the Home Missions Council, was the featured speaker. Dr. R. Paul Miller, of the Grace Brethren Church of Goshen, Ind., gave the charge. Immediately following the service a reception was held for Bro. Crabb and his wife.

ANKENYTOWN, OHIO. Howard Snively, pastor of the First Brethren Church, was licensed to the Brethren Ministry by the Northern Ohio District on Sept. 17.

LA HABRA, CALIF. The first services in the La Habra Brethren Church were held on Sept. 2. Attendances are on the increase since being in their new building even though it is not entirely completed. Much of the labor has been done by the men of the congregation. Glenn O'Neal, Southern California-Arizona district secretary, reporter.

ALBANY, OREG. The Northwest Youth rally was held at the Grace Brethren Church Oct. 26-27. It featured a guest speaker, quizzing, and the latest Ken Anderson film, "Beyond These Skies." Nelson Hall was the host pastor.

CHICAGO, ILL. On Oct. 15 and 16 the pastors of the Indiana Fellowship of Brethren Churches surveyed the district mission project of that area as to future plans. Frank Poland of the Home Missions Council was the only lay member represented.

WINCHESTER, VA. On Oct. 7 the Sunday-school attendance of the First Brethren Church, Paul Dick, pastor, was 352. Their goal was 350 and they exceeded their goal for which they praise the Lord. Their previous high attendance was 321.

LEESBURG, IND. The morning speaker at Leesburg Brethren Church on Oct. 7 was Thomas Julien, missionary to France home on furlough. Kenneth Koontz is pastor.

WASHINGTON, PA. Dr. James L. Boyer, professor of Greek and New Testament, will begin a week of meetings on Nov. 4 in a Prophetic Bible Conference at the Grace Brethren Church of which Shimer E. Darr is pastor.

BEAUMONT, CALIF. The educational unit of the Cherry Valley Brethren Church is progressing nicely. The men of the church are doing the work on Saturdays according to the district secretary, Glenn O'Neal.

SUNNYSIDE, WASH. Rally Sunday, Oct. 7, was observed at the First Brethren Church with a fellowship dinner. Pastor and Mrs. H.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Donald Abshire, Boone's Mill, Va.
Bruce Baker, Wyckoff, N. J.
Clyde Caes, Cumberland, Md.
Henry Dalke, San Diego, Calif.
Charles Eagle, Japan
Donald Farner, Toppenish, Wash.

Leslie Moore have just completed their fifth year at this church.

GRAFTON, W. VA. Matthew Mohler, son of Rev. and Mrs. Paul Mohler of the First Brethren Church here, has been in ill health for more than a year. He has had a relapse and will have to go through surgery again sometime this month. Pastor and Mrs. Mohler would appreciate prayer in his behalf.

BEAUMONT, CALIF. Rubel Lucero was the guest speaker at both services at the Cherry Valley Brethren Church, Oct. 21. On Oct. 28 Glenn O'Neal, district secretary, was the guest speaker. The Upland College team furnished the music at the evening service on that date.

WOOSTER, OHIO. Homecoming was observed at the First Brethren Church Oct. 28. One of the special features of the day was the burning of the church mortgage. An all-church style dinner was served at noon. Another feature was the dedication of babies and the baptism of believers.

HARRISBURG, PA. Alva Conner has resigned as pastor of the Melrose Gardens Brethren Church, which will take effect not later than Dec. 30. During his ministry the yearly attendance has grown 44 percent and the morning worship service 51 percent. Brother Conner has served this church for the past four years.

MIDDLEBRANCH, OHIO. Dr. Harold Etling, national Sunday-school director of The Brethren Church, was the speaker at the morning service at the First Brethren Church here Oct. 21. He also lit the match for the burning of their mortgage at the end of the morning service. A fellowship dinner was served at noon after which Dr. Etling held a conference with all the Sunday-school teachers and officers.

TAOS, N. MEX. Five Epperly sisters, of York, Pa., presented a challenging spiritual musical program at the morning service at the Canon Brethren Church Oct. 14. Sam Horney is pastor.

HYATTSVILLE, MD. The Greater Washington Sunday School convention was held here Nov. 1 and 2. Dr. Harold Etling of the National Sunday School Board was one of the featured speakers.

PHILADELPHIA, PA. Rally day exercises were held Oct. 7 at the Third Brethren Church. Pastor Robert Kern reports a 19 percent attendance increase over a year ago. On Oct. 28 Rev. Leo Polman was the guest speaker for the General Fund Day.

SEATTLE, WASH. Fifteen families have recently been added to the membership of the View Ridge Brethren Church. Phillip Simmons is pastor.

WASHINGTON, D. C. Thirteen people were baptized and taken into membership on Oct. 7 at the Grace Brethren Church of Greater Washington. James Dixon is pastor.

DENVER, COLO. At the annual business meeting of the National Sunday School Association held here, Dr. Harold Etling was elected president for the year 1962-1963. Delegates came from 48 states, and 9 provinces



Dr. Harold Etling

in Canada. These delegates represented 63 denominations and a number of independent churches. The NSSA is the evangelical organization which is responsible in a large measure for the growth of Sunday schools in America in the last 15 years. It has contributed much to the growth of our own denomination.

DAYTON, OHIO. A youth banquet followed by a Halloween party was held at the Patterson Park Brethren Church, Oct. 20. Dave Hocking, Youth Council director, was the guest speaker. Nate Casement is pastor.

FREDRICKSBURG, VA. A new Grace Brethren Church has been organized here under the direction of Haven Hill who is now the pastor. A series of evangelistic meetings were held from Sept. 30 through Oct. 5 at which time nine accepted the Lord and one life was rededicated to the Lord. On Oct. 12, 17 were baptized and received into the church. One of the baptized converts was 83 years old. Mason Cooper, pastor at Covington, Va., was the evangelistic speaker.

FREMONT, OHIO. The evangelistic meetings scheduled at the Grace Brethren Church for Oct. 21-27 had to be cancelled because of the illness of the evangelist, Bill Smith, of Alexandria, Va. Thomas Hammers is the pastor.

ELYRIA, OHIO. Sherwood G. Lingenfelter was licensed to the Brethren ministry Sept. 17 by the Grace Brethren Church and the Northern Ohio District. He is serving as pastor of our new Indiana district church at Arbury Hills, Ill., located in the Greater Chicago area.

ALTO, MICH. Harvest Sunday was observed at the Calvary Brethren Church Oct. 14. A basket dinner was served at noon. Rev. George V. Smith, of Washington Court House, Ohio, was the guest speaker, and the Crystalaires furnished the special music. C. A. Flowers is pastor. Total attendance for the day was 258 and the offering $339.80.

HARTFORD, CONN. Mr. Simon-Pierre Nambozouina, of the Central African Republic, arrived in New York City, Sept. 18. He is now located here and engaged as a research assistant in a Sango grammar project. This is a government project headed up by Dr. William Samarin, assisted by Rev. Charles Taber, both of whom were former Brethren missionaries in the Central African Republic. Mr. Nambozouina, an ordained elder who for the last seven years has been teaching in our Mission's Bible Institute, is the first one of our African Christians to set foot on American soil. In the course of his stay in the United States, it is hoped that he may visit in many of our Brethren churches.



Churches IN THE News

ALTOONA, PA.

A dedication service was held on Sunday Sept. 23 in the First Brethren Church of Altoona, to dedicate a new Baldwin piano. The piano was placed in the church in loving memory of Lynn Wayne Sorge, by his parents Mr. and Mrs. Roland Sorge, and brothers Alan and Gary.

Lynn departed this earthly life into his heavenly home on April 24, 1962 through an automobile accident.

Lynn's last earthly act was that of singing of his heavenly home in a special service being held at the Hopewell Brethren Church. His life was snatched away but his testimony rings and lives on.

The following poem was written by Lynn's father, Roland H. Sorge, and read at the dedication service.

Eleven years ago, there came a bundle from above,
Marked "Special Delivery, and please handle with all love."
This bundle, once delivered, was his parents' pride and joy,
His name was Lynn, and we were pleased with such a pleasant boy.

His learning of the things of earth was rapidly increased,
And oftentimes amazed us with the knowledge he released.
It wasn't long until he learned about a loving God.
It was his desire to serve Him, while on earth he trod.

He loved to sing God's praises and make the rafters ring,
With the music that would glorify his Saviour and his King.
We feel that this boy's ministry, his few years here on earth
Has doubtless meant much more to God, than some full lives are worth.

Another marking on the bundle, one we did not see,
"After ten years, seven months, return to Sender, C.O.D."
His voice is stilled on this side, but he sings today, we know
All the praises to his Saviour that he sang on earth below.

We dedicate this instrument to the service of the Lord,
With the prayer that its addition will add music to the Word;
That its use may be a blessing and assist in leading one
To the knowledge of the Saviour. In memory of our son.

—Ralph Burns, pastor

HAGERSTOWN, MD.

The Lord is indeed good, wherein we are very glad. God blessed us at the Gay Street Brethren Church with a wonderful eight-day revival.

The crowds were very good, our highest attendance was 181 with the emphasis on Youth night. God gave us ten first-time decisions and eight rededications. We are planning a baptismal service for mid-October.

Evangelist Bill Smith is an untiring and up-to-date evangelist: bringing in present-day events already prophesied in the Bible. He not only preaches, but also keeps an active and constant challenge before the people not only to attend but to bring someone with you. We praise the Lord for a very fine revival and are looking forward to other decisions to follow.

—Rev. William E. Howard, pastor

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 30 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Church	*Date*	*Pastor*	*Speaker*
Hagerstown, Md. (Calvary)	Oct. 31-Nov. 11	Jack Peters	Bob Collitt
Ft. Wayne, Ind. (First)	Nov. 1-11	Mark Malles	R. Paul Miller
Virginia Beach, Va.	Nov. 11-18	A. H. Arrington	Gerald Teeter
Sidney, Ind.	Nov. 18-25	A. Rollin Sandy	E. William Male
Trotwood, Ohio	Nov. 18-25	Larry Gegner	Don and Ben Launstein

Wedding Bells

Announcements in this column are published when sent in by a pastor.

Carol E. Clark and Dean L. Foubeit, Sept. 29, at the Grace Brethren Church, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Barbara Anderson and Ronald Bowlin, Sept. 23, at the Grace Brethren Church, Lansing, Mich.

Susan Stover and David Miller, Oct. 6, at the Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio.

Linda Yoder and Bruce Baker, Sept. 14, at the Summit Mills Brethren Church, Meyersdale, Pa.

Joyce Elaine Seibert and Larry George Myers, Oct. 6, Grace Brethren Church, Trotwood, Ohio.

Judith Elaine Beaumont and Sherwood Galen Lingenfelter, Aug. 10, Bethel Chapel, Huntingdon Valley, Pa.

Janet Harbaugh and Michael Foreman, Oct. 20, First Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa.

Carolyn Elizabeth Belvin and James Albert Golla, Oct. 20, Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio.

MY FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

to the Lord and His Work



By Rev. Russell M. Ward

Pastor, North Riverdale Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio

No successful business enterprise operates without a financial method; yet how many of the Lord's people think God's business does! The wonder of it is that the Lord's work has lasted as long as it has with the shameful, shoddy, unspiritual, unscriptural methods supporting (?) it! God's method has been the same principle from the Garden of Eden—that of *proportionate giving!*

This expression describes the divine method from ancient times to twentieth century days. Its *basis* is in the Old Testament laws of "firstfruits" and "tithing." In Exodus 23:16-19 the "firstborn" of animals was the Lord's. In Leviticus 27:30 the tenth (tithe) was taken from produce. Elsewhere it was taken from money obtained from the sale of produce, animals, property, and so forth. *There is no question whatever but that God demanded of His covenant people a proportionate share of their material prosperity!*

The *practice* of this method is illustrated by Abraham (Gen. 14:17-20) who gave tithes to Melchizedek; by Jacob (Gen. 28:18-22) who after a vision of the Lord made a tithing agreement with God, and *afterwards* was prospered of God; by Hezekiah (II Chron. 31:3ff.) who at a time of great spiritual revival reinstated the practice of tithing to support the revivified work of God; by Nehemiah (Neh. 10:32-39) who upon the return of the remnant from Babylonian captivity reinstated the practice of tithing in a great time of spiritual revival. Its continuation is plainly taught in the New Testament in I Corinthians 16:2, where we are told to give "as the Lord hath prospered" us. The tenth, or tithe, is nowhere mentioned in the New Testament in connection with the church of Christ because we owe Him not simply a tenth, but all (I Cor. 6:19-20); we "are bought with a price."

The *characteristics* of this method are to be found mainly in I Corinthians 16:2. *All* God's people are expected to participate. "Let every one of you lay by." Certainly under Mosaic law none were excused! Even the priests tithed (Num. 18:24-28) just as the preacher of the twentieth century is a proportionate giver. *Regularity* marked the frequency of giving. "Upon the first day of the week." Thus it became a definite part of the worship service of the Early Church to lay up before the Lord on His day of the week the proportionate part of material blessing.

God's house is the place to which the offering is to be brought: "in store." It was so in ancient times. Israelites brought all their "tithes into the storehouse" (Mal. 3:10) where they were disbursed according to need. This was the obvious intent of Paul, but the worshiper must make sure the house to which he brings his proportionate gift stands true to the Word of God. Especially is this true in these days. The amount to be brought to the Lord was *proportionate* to the way God had blessed during the week. This now becomes a matter of conscience, devotion to Christ, love for lost souls, and a missionary vision. Certainly we would not give less under grace than did Israel (the tithe) under law! Giving becomes proportionate to income, motivated by the love of Christ.

Unless giving is *cheerful* it is worth little. God loves the cheerful giver (II Cor. 9:7), the gift which is free and unbegrudged. Exodus 35 is a perpetual monument to the free-will offerings of people who loved God and His house and who sought to build it. The same is true in the great revival of Hezekiah's day (II Chron. 31:5ff.). The widow gave two mites (Luke 21:1-4) out of her extreme poverty, but she gave unregretfully because she loved the Lord and His house.

The *purposes* of this method are obvious: (1) That God may be glorified with our material things; (2) that the Word of God may be furthered; and (3) that God's people may grow in grace (that of giving, Rom. 12:6-8). The greatest *incentive* to give will be for love of Christ because He gave himself up for our sins. "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift" (II Cor. 9:15).

With *proportionate giving* it is not the size of your gift that counts—it is what you have left!

"Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come" (I Cor. 16:2).

● *Are Christians willing today to be uprooted and transplanted to carry the Gospel to the ends of the world?*

ARE WE CHRISTIANS TOO COZY?

By Clay Cooper

Some credence should be attached to the remark attributed to a communist spokesman: "You Christians are afraid to soil your hands. Therefore, we shall win in the end."

Maybe he was right about point number one. Perhaps we are too snug and comfortable. It may be we are unaware of the power of plush pews and worshipful sanctuaries. It could be we are too securely ensconced in our publicized and placid peace of mind to be bothered about the titanic battle going on for other men's minds. To be unwilling to be uprooted and transplanted for the sake of the kingdom is entirely out of character for the Christian.

The Apostle Peter addressed his first letter to the Christian Jews far removed from the templed area of Zion, now scattered throughout the "regions beyond." They were exiles of the dispersion living in such strange-sounding places as "Pontus, Cappadocia, Bithynia, and Asia." In the letter he dealt with salient truths relating to the ministry of those displaced persons in other lands.

It should be noted first, however, that he is here ministering by letter to the very same people to whom he had preached on the day of Pentecost in Jerusalem. A comparative reading of the second chapter of Acts indicates that on the day of Pentecost there were present in Jerusalem, "devout . . . dwellers in Mesopotamia." It is interesting to conjecture that some of these "scattered saints" were among the several thousand converts to Christianity, made on Pentecost morning. They were not, for the most part, professional missionaries. The epistle is addressed principally to the laity, ordinary Jewish believers now subject to the Parthians, whose capital was Babylon. Some had probably long resided in these areas as slaves (I Pet. 2:18). Many others had doubtlessly found their way to the distant places of the pagan world as a direct result of harassments and persecutions, the first of which were instituted by Saul of Tarsus (later Paul the Apostle) in Jerusalem. And, ". . . except the apostles . . . they that were scattered abroad, went every where preaching the word" (Acts 8:1, 4).

The first great missionary movement, predominantly a laity movement, got underway when the Lord allowed believers to be prodded with persecution and dispersed to far away places with strange-sounding names. Centralized Christianity was one thing not in His plan.

Unfortunately, for the world at large, the tendency of Christians has nearly always been to cluster instead of scatter; to stay instead of go; to congregate instead of disperse. The very words "congregation" and "assembly" should be given some serious study in the light of Christ's implied command to separate, to divide, and multiply. The church is no monastary! It is missionary!

Someone once imagined that when the Saviour arrived back in heaven, after His thirty-three year sojourn on earth, the angel Gabriel met Him and asked: "Master, what plan did you leave for the carrying on of your work on earth?" The Lord answered: "I have asked Peter, John, James, and others to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." Gabriel then inquired: "But, what if they fail? What alternate

plan do you have?" The Lord replied: "I have no other plan."

God has no other plan, and when the church does not voluntarily engage in world missionary efforts on a grand scale, she is obliged to do it involuntarily. The Lord has used the "scattering process" before, and He may well use it again in order that the *seed of the kingdom* be strewed over the broad, fertile, virgin acres of the earth. He will see to it that the Gospel is disseminated unto the uttermost parts of the world.

Christians ought not only to be willing, but eager, to be uprooted and transplanted. There should be no reluctance to break with accustomed surroundings and go to strange climes for the sake of the Gospel. Such, in fact, is their commission.

Clearly, what the world needs most today is a scattering of the saints! A scattered church is the ideal church! Ideal to itself and to the world. It might be truthfully said that concentrated Christianity is the crime of this century. Those areas of the world which have Christianity, have practically all of it! They have practically all of the Bibles, and what's more they have just about all of the presses on which to print still more. They have, with but slight exaggeration, all the churches, all the Bible schools and seminaries, and all the clergymen. Few and far between are the mission stations in all the other lands, and they are so ill-staffed and under-equipped and poorly-financed that it is a shame. The areas of the world are many where the ratio of people to missionary personnel is one hundred thousand to one. Other areas have no missionaries, no Christians at all. The few have so much, and the many have so little!

The apostolic pattern was to scatter. Of that bygone era, we read: "Now they which were scattered abroad . . . travelled as far as Phenice, and Cyprus, and Antioch [a great distance in those days] . . . preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord" (Acts 11:19-21). To be scattered was to be serving in the best interests of the Lord's program for world evangelism. To be dispersed was the ideal situation. Without question, the somer-to-Christ is expected to be a goer-for-Christ. No cloister is to be built on the Mount of Blessing as long as there are people in the plain who need the healing touch. We have somehow taken the "go" out of the Gospel. We must put it back.

Many modern applications may be made from the instructions given by Peter to the *scattered* saints of that bygone day. Their main concern as strangers in other lands was to mind the Lord's business. They were to understand that they were there as "good stewards of the manifold grace of God, according to the gift received from God" to "minister the same to their fellowmen," the foreigners among whom they lived; to interpret the Lord's gifts as common property to be passed on to the heathen about them, that God might be glorified; to be ready to give an answer to every one among the heathen who made an honest inquiry (I Pet. 3:15). Slaves and servants were to be subject to their masters. Nothing was to be done by them which would nullify their testimony before the heathen lords. Even though they had only the status of slaves, their main mission was missions. They were on business for their King. Peter's main concern was that nothing might be said or done, inferred or intimated, by them, that would in any way reflect on the character of God or hinder the heathen from entering the fold. He wrote to them: "You are a chosen people: ministers to the kingdom" (I Pet. 2:9, Aramaic).

Imagine slaves, displaced persons, as ministers! Yet they were. Right where they were they were purveyors of salvation, a thing so paramount that even "angels desired to look into it" (I Pet. 1:12). They were "chosen to be obedient and to sprinkle the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ" (I Pet. 2:2, Aramaic). And though they themselves were described "as newborn babes, feeding on milk" (I Pet. 2:2), this spiritual infancy would be no excuse for failure to fulfill their ministry. They were to "gird up the loins of your mind . . . walk in wisdom . . . and maintain a good conscience."

The practical lessons for today are many. But the foremost has to do with the salvation of souls in the regions beyond, and the Christian's personal relationship to, and responsibility in, the matter. Peter's letter certainly points up the fact that the world objective must be lived for by all, and also the truth that scattered saints are the very best kind in achieving it.

GO! Labor on while it is day
The world's dark night is hastening on
Speed, speed thy work, cast sloth away,
Is it not thus that souls are won?

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—Dr. C. H. Ashman, President
Board of Ministerial Benefits.

BRETHREN DAY OF PRAYER—THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Praise and Prayer

HOME MISSIONS

PRAY for the "goals for souls" in home-mission churches, which total nearly 400 families.

PRAY for district supported churches in conjunction with the national home-missions program.

PRAY for a number of home-mission churches to have a good last quarter in 1962, encouraging them to go self-supporting in 1963.

PRAY for the early completion of the new church buildings in Tucson, Arizona and Toppenish, Washington.

PRAY for the architectural department working on plans for new churches in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and Vandalia, Ohio.

EVANGELISM

PRAY that God will give board members wisdom in planning development of the work in face of the growing indifference toward real evangelism today.

PRAY that in view of the tremendous needs of all other boards that Evangelism shall find a way to finance dynamic evangelism and multiply our evangelists.

PRAY that God shall anoint Bob Collitt for the series of campaigns scheduled for the northwest right after Christmas.

Campaigns for 1965 are now being scheduled. *PRAY* that we shall be led in the arrangements of the meetings as to time and location.

GRACE SEMINARY AND COLLEGE

PRAISE God for the fine student body registered in Grace Schools this semester even though it is not as large as we had hoped.

PRAY for God's continued blessing upon the dormitory building project; that funds may be adequate for its completion; and that the weather may permit rapid progress in its construction.

PRAY for the fall day of prayer (Nov. 15) that it may give a spiritual impact to the life of the campus.

PRAY for plans being made for the Annual Missions Conference (Dec. 3-7) and for a blessing upon the conference itself.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

PRAY for the salvation of one of the adults at Waipio, Hawaii, that he might be delivered from drink and united in Christ with his family.

PRAY that the two new men brought by a faithful attender to the Bible class held in the San Juan prison in Puerto Rico will find the truth they are seeking.

PRAISE the Lord for the completion of the new translation of the Sango Bible in Africa. *PRAY* that it might be printed and distributed soon.

PRAY that the radio work in Argentina may continually be more indigenous and be used to the salvation of many souls.

PRAY that many more young Mexican men will be called of the Lord to prepare for His service.

LAYMEN

PRAY for our laymen as they engage in visitation evangelism.

PRAY for active laymen's groups in all of our churches.

PRAY for the national officers and their responsibilities.

PRAY for a soul burden among our laymen for lost souls.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRAY that our Sunday schools might conserve every gain made in the enlargement campaign.

PRAY for our departmental superintendents as they help teachers improve their teaching.

PRAY that the conventions of the Northwest district might bear fruit in the lives of Sunday-school teachers and workers.

PRAY that the financial needs of the Sunday School Board might be met.

WMC

PRAISE the Lord for the rich Bible studies prepared for our studies this year.

PRAY that the project of the East district will be adequately met by the local groups.

PRAY that in these perilous days Christian women will realize the influence their lives have in the home, church, and the Nation; and to be more faithful in witnessing and distributing tracts.

PRAY for the guidance for your local, district, and national officers.

SMM

PRAY for leadership in starting SMM's in new home-mission churches.

PRAY for the SMM in Africa.

PRAY that each girl will work hard on her goals for the Lord.

YOUTH COUNCIL

PRAY that God will speak to some dedicated young people about spending their time this coming summer as a summer missionary.

PRAY for the need of Youth directors in our local churches, which many pastors need desperately.

PRAY for the office staff during these weeks of extra work, which involves extensive publication and printing.

PRAY for the Youth Evangelism Team and its ministry among our youth.

MISSIONARY HERALD

PRAISE the Lord for His hand of blessing upon the printed page as it goes forth from the Missionary Herald in various forms.

PRAY for the December trial of the bi-weekly color edition of the Missionary Herald magazine.

PRAY for the speedy expediting of the Christmas orders as they come in so that all shall be served on time.

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Devotional Theme for November—

FLOWERS FOR EVERYONE

By Leanore M. Button

"For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: but the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you" (1 Pet. 1:24, 25).

We hear so much about progress and changing conditions in the world today. Perhaps this is so, but isn't it strange that men's hearts never change?

I have always been interested in the "ancients." More specifically, I have been interested in the lives and motives of the eighteenth dynasty of Egypt. I skip over the first few kings until I come to Queen Hatshepsut. What sort of a person was she, really? Could she have been the princess who looked upon the baby Moses and then cared enough to save his life? And if she were truly his foster mother, then how much did she know about the God of heaven?

Very little has come down to us about her character except that she was a strong person with a great love for Egypt. She went to great lengths to secure the throne for herself, and to become the first reigning queen in Egypt's history. But one wonders what she really thought about as the darkness of the Egyptian night encased her world in its velvet blackness.

The history books tell us of the extremely vicious hatred her son-in-law, or perhaps even her husband, Thotmose III, had for her. His hatred went so far that he had every remembrance of her hacked from the monuments. Then, not being able to erase everything, coated the remainder with cement. Why did he despise her so? Some say she was his aunt and that he hated her because she was the reigning monarch when he felt he was the rightful heir. However, as a prince of Egypt by one of the king's lesser wives, he must have known Hatshepsut had the royal blood line to back up her claim.

In the days of the kings of Egypt, it was customary to secure the throne for the male children of lesser wives by marrying them to sisters or half-sisters of the blood line. In Hatshepsut's case, she was the direct descendant through her mother. Because she had two daughters, isn't it logical to suppose she would consider marrying the eldest to Moses, and thus secure for him the throne of Egypt? This is speculation, of course, but it certainly could explain Thutmose III's anger toward both Moses and Hapshepsut. The very thought of an Israelite, such as Moses, as the Pharaoh of Egypt must have been distasteful to Thutmose. In any event, Moses would not have complied with Hatshepsut's wishes.



Pictured above is Mrs. Button and those who work with her in the Brethren Messianic Testimony, Los Angeles, California. Left to right, they are: Rev. Bruce Button, Mrs. Button, and Miss Isobel Fraser.

Then there was Akhnaton (Amenhotep IV), the heretic king. Known to the world as the first monotheist, I wonder if he might not have wanted to worship the one true God, and yet gone about it in the wrong way? Grandchild of Thutmose IV, who probably was a brother to the eldest son of Amenhotep II, Pharaoh of the Exodus, certainly he must have heard how his grandfather's brother was struck down by the tenth plague. Was it only coincidence that caused him to see the falseness of the many gods of Egypt!

And last of all, I think of King Tut's little-girl wife, daughter of Akhnaton. What did these children know about God? What had they heard from Akhnaton? Trapped by material wealth and power, did they ever have any opportunity to hear the truth? When Tut died, almost before he had ever lived, it was this small girl who sent the pathetic little note to the proud King of the Hittites. "Send me one of your sons that he might be King of Egypt," it said. The king procrastinated, but finally sent a prince. One wonders what became of the girl for, though the prince was sent, he was murdered on the road and never arrived in Egypt. In Tut's tomb were found two stillborn children—their hair soft as corn silk in spite of the years. Of the entire Theban family who made up the eighteenth dynasty, perhaps they are the happiest.

In the museum in Cairo, the visible remains of Thutmose III and Amenhotep II can be seen. They, the greatest kings of Egypt ever knew, with the glory of the world at their feet, are resting apart from their jewels and their gold—a few pieces of skin and bone for all the common world to see. How they would have despised it! Amenhotep II, the king who would not let the people go, whose bow no man could pull, is

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An Experience That Drew Me Close to God

BY MRS. HOWARD MAYES

Yakima, Washington

God wants to use His children wherever they are today. So many times we spend much time and effort in planning activities in which we can serve the Lord. At the same time we fail to see the opportunities right around us where we could effectively serve Him.

I have been sold on the advantages and opportunities afforded by a Christian Day School since my days as a student in one, and as an education major in college it was my desire to serve the Lord as a teacher in one.

However, upon coming to Yakima, Washington, I discovered that this must not be the Lord's will in my life for the present time, for there was no place in a Christian school where I could serve.

I obtained a third grade position in the public school system of the city and was very fortunate in being placed in a school where there was an understanding, at least, of my Christian principles. The majority of the teachers in the building were fine church people who claimed to be Christians. However, I am sorry to say that most of them were affiliated with one of the most liberal churches in the city and therefore knew nothing of living a consecrated Christian life.

I discovered that many of the children in my room were from homes of below average income. Most of the parents had little time to spend with their children, and many had no desire to spend time with them. Many of the children were left to "shift for themselves" a good share of the time.

School had not been in session many days before I discovered that very few of my children had *ever* attended Sunday school and most of them had never heard even the very familiar Bible stories such as "Noah's Ark," or "Jonah and the Whale."

From then on we began our school day with a chapter or two from Catherine Vos's book, *The Child's Story Bible*. This became the favorite time of the day and the children would rather have missed recess than their Bible story. They had many questions to ask and I had wonderful opportunities to tell them of God's plan of salvation.

There was one boy who particularly concerned me. He was very bright and could think of more mischief and ask more questions—intelligent ones—than anyone. His mother was a divorcee who worked in a tavern most of the hours when he was at home. He was an only child, therefore, was left to entertain himself most of the time.

If he were to continue to follow this same pattern for a few more years, he would probably reach the place where he would be considered a juvenile delinquent. Of course the only one who could change this pattern of life is Jesus Christ.

One October day I asked him if he would like to go to Sunday school with me. His answer was "Oh yes, could I?" His mother was quite pleased with the idea because that would be a couple of hours that she wouldn't have to worry about him.

That was how Donnie began going to Sunday school, church, Children's Bible Hour, and Boy's Club. He loved it. After about a month of careful listening to Sunday-school lessons, sermons, and so forth, and asking a multitude of questions, many of which most people would not believe possible of a third grader, he accepted the Lord as his Saviour.

He talked so enthusiastically of church to his friends that between the two of us, we soon had a station wagon full going to the different church activities each week.

Several of the others have come to know the Lord since then, and most of them are eager to give their testimony for the Lord. In testimony time

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MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS FOR JANUARY

AFRICA—

Mrs. Austin Robbins — January 9
B.P. 36, Bossangoa via Bangui, Central African Republic

David Bruce Hocking — January 15, 1957
B. P. 21, M'Baiki via Bangui, Central African Republic

Mrs. Martin M. Garber — January 22
Bossangoa via Bangui, Central African Republic

Mrs. Minnie Kennedy — January 28
B. P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic

ARGENTINA—

James Andrew Marshall — January 3, 1959
Rivadavia 433, Rio Cuarto, F.C.N.G.B.M., Prov. Cordoba, Argentina, S. A.

Lynn Arthur Hoyt — January 3, 1948
Chiclana 1074, Don Bosco, F.C.G.R., Argentina, S.A.

Ivan Wayne Hoyt — January 5, 1958
Chiclana 1074, Don Bosco, F.C.G.R., Argentina, S.A.

Charles Loren Churchill — January 7, 1951
Remedios de Escalada 74, Rio Tercero, F.C.B.M., Prov. Cordoba, Argentina, S.A

BRAZIL—

Arthur Allen Burk — January 10, 1954
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil, S.A.

MEXICO—

Leandra Marie Edmiston — January 15, 1947
519 Sunset Lane, San Ysidro, California, U.S.A.

PUERTO RICO—

John Stephen Dickson — January 1, 1955
Erhet Inc, Parada 30, Hato Rev, Puerto Rico

IN THE UNITED STATES—

Mrs. Albert W. Balzer — January 1
8415 Fenwick Street, Sunland, California

Jeanette Elizabeth Miller — January 22, 1951
221 Cloverdale Avenue, Modesto, California

Mrs. J. Paul Dowdy, Sr. — January 27
Box 104, Winona Lake, Indiana



Mrs. James Marshall

WMC "Birthday Missionary" Margaret Marshall is

Serving Him in Argentina

By Marcia Wardell

Not many weeks ago a missionary family arrived in Buenos Aires, Argentina, after an ocean voyage from New York City. By ship this is always a lengthy trip of two to three weeks. But after the months of furlough activity, the buying and packing which inevitably continues almost to the last moment, and the strain of goodby's to loved ones and friends, a relaxing ocean voyage is a tremendous help before the resuming of missionary duties on the field.

These particular missionaries are Rev and Mrs. James Marshall and their four boys: Michael, eleven, Peter, nine, David, seven, and James Andrew, two and a half.

Margaret Marshall says her life story is not "very exciting." Yet, as we hear it, we can see how the Lord has through the years had His directing hand upon her. It was not until she had been out of college several years that she found Christ as her Saviour, but after that things happened quite swiftly to direct her into His service.

Margaret Moore's first eighteen years were spent on a farm in southern Ohio where the six Moore children, of which Margaret was the second oldest, had a happy childhood. Though perhaps they did not then understand their father's strictness which made it impossible for them to do many things that other children did, they have since appreciated his moral teachings.

Her two younger sisters died suddenly, several years apart, when Margaret was a young woman, and this made a great impression on her, although producing no spiritual results in her life. She had faithfully attended a Methodist Sunday school throughout her childhood days, and upon going away to college became quite active in student activities of this church. However, this interest faded as she became more and more involved in the worldly activities on the campus of her school, Miami University at Oxford, Ohio.

College graduation, with a B.S. degree in Education, was followed by five years of public school teaching in three different Ohio schools. During the summers while she was in college and teaching, she had interesting experiences in various jobs: in a settlement camp near Cleveland for children of slum areas; a hotel waitress; typist at Boca Raton Army Air Force base in Florida; at a settlement house in a foreign section of New York City.

Those were World War II days. For four years Margaret remained faithful to a particular serviceman. After her first year of teaching she learned that her fighter-pilot fiance had married an Army nurse overseas. This was a very bitter experience for Margaret.

Several years passed. Miss Margaret Moore was a teacher in Dayton. She joined a YMCA mixed chorus. A young man from this singing group invited her to his church, the North Riverdale Brethren Church. She began to attend the church regularly. During revival meetings conducted there by Gypsy Smith, Jr., she accepted the Lord as her Saviour. She never had realized there could be such sweet Christian fellowship as she found in that church. Her spiritual growth was rapid, and it was not long until she dedicated her life for the Lord's service.

Then, she summarizes:

"My pastor encouraged me to go to Grace Seminary for Bible study, which I did. He says he expected me to return to North Riverdale to become his office secretary, but the Lord had other plans. I had dedicated myself to Christian service, but with no particular field of service in mind—just willing for the Lord to lead. He led through a young man who had dedicated himself to missionary service in Argentina. Jim and I became acquainted and engaged that year we were both at Grace Seminary. We were married the following July (1949). It was almost a year before we could leave for Argentina; we left the last of May 1950, on a Norweigian freighter. We spent our first term in Corral de Bustos, where the three oldest boys were born. In our second term we were in Rio Cuarto, and the fourth son was born there." Surely there is oh, so much which might be read between those lines—adjustment to new conditions in a strange land and among a strange people, perfecting the knowledge of the language, joys, disappointments, busy, busy days and years. And through it all, the faithfulness of the loving Lord who knows and understands all.

The Marshalls have returned to the field desirous, as always, for the Lord's guidance in their service. Such guidance is needed particularly at this time, since the field has asked that the Marshalls begin a new testimony in a new area. In this connection, two major factors present themselves immediately as matters for prayer: (1) direction as to location; and (2) housing in the selected location. Of course, the need for prayer will not end when the Lord has directed in these matters! *Pray* for our "birthday missionary" and her family in all areas of their lives as they serve Him in this particular harvest field to which He has called them.

TRIBUTE TO WMC OFFICERS WHO RETIRED AT WINONA LAKE CONFERENCE

August 1962



MRS. PAUL DICK

Mrs. Dick, of Winchester, Virginia, served for five years as National WMC president. Her life, and her leadership, and her devotion to the Lord has been a blessing and a challenge to all who have been privileged to work with her.



MRS. HAROLD ETLING

Mrs. Etling, of Winona Lake, Indiana, served for four years as national first vice president. She served faithfully in securing suggestions from the national boards for national, district, and local projects.



MRS. LESTER PIFER

Mrs. Pifer, of Winona Lake, Indiana, served for two years as national WMC secretary. Her work consumed many hours and was always conscientiously cared for.

National Second Vice President
Now WMC President



MRS. THOMAS HAMMERS

Mrs. Hammers, of Fremont, Ohio, served for seven years as National second vice president. She, along with her committees, has been responsible for the outstanding devotional topics used in local councils. She now is serving the national WMC organization as president.

Flowers . . .

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as withered grass. Thutmose III who wanted to kill Moses is as withered grass. The future they built toward is no future at all.

And so a man never learns. He seeks through the brief days of his vanity for something that satisfies—something to fill his ever-hungering heart. He finds nothing. At last he takes that journey all men must take—still unhappy—still looking for the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. The grass is such a fitting emblem for him.

But thank God for His Word and His promises! We, so fortunate because we know Him, and that *only* through His grace, should look back on the "ancients," and from the very bottom of our hearts remember that but for the grace of a long-suffering God, we, too, might have inherited their future.

An Experience . . .

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in our Sunday evening services. Donnie is the first one up with a testimony for the Lord, which is usually a regular little sermon.

Now it is a year later. As many as twenty-five from this neighborhood have attended our services on different occasions and about a dozen attend regularly. I am not teaching in their school any longer, but I know now in a new way that the Lord has a job for each one of us to carry out wherever we are. Our responsibility is to do all that we can for Him in the situation where he has placed us.

RECOMMENDED WMC READING BOOKS FOR 1962-63

250 YEARS . . . CONQUERING FRONTIERS
(Homer A. Kent) 3.00

WOMEN WHO MADE BIBLE HISTORY
(Harold J. Ockenga) 3.50

MUFFLED DRUMBEATS IN THE CONGO
(William A. Deans) 2.25

These books may be ordered from The Brethren Missionary Herald Co., Winona Lake, Indiana.

WMC News

NOTICE

TRACT FOR THE DECEMBER DEVOTIONAL MEETING

"Do You Know What These Religions Teach?"

Copies of this tract were sent out in October and should be in the hands of local presidents now.

If you, as a local president, did not receive your supply, please notify immediately:

Mrs. Robert Griffith
822 Knorr St
Philadelphia 11, Pa

MID ATLANTIC DISTRICT. The WMC ladies of the Mid-Atlantic district encountered showers as they journeyed to the fall rally, which was being held at the Gay Street Brethren Church in Hagerstown, Maryland. But even the weather seemed to be God's way of forecasting the hours ahead, for ninety-five women really experienced "Showers of Blessings" from the hand of the Lord.

Not all of us ever have the privilege of attending National Conference, but the ones who had this opportunity shared some of these blessings as they presented reports from the different workshops. If our councils use the ideas given, there will be added blessings in the days ahead.

Our appetites were whetted by the short reviews given on each of our reading books for this year.

As always, it was a real blessing to share a time of testimonies and prayer with others who love the Lord and those who are serving Him.

Our project offering was to be used to buy books for the college library and this offering was almost $200.

We welcomed Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Ogden to our district. We were very happy to have Mrs. Ogden as the speaker at this rally. Her challenging message was on the theme, "Kept by the Power of God."

Music always has an important part on our programs, for songs are really a message for us. These messages were presented by a woman's trio from the church in Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, and also a woman's trio from the Calvary Brethren Church in Hagerstown.

We are looking for the soon return of the Lord, but since we cannot know the exact time, we plan to try to become a stronger WMC by editing a district newspaper and sharing our blessings and problems with others. Also, a night rally is being planned for March so we might enjoy fellowship with our families and we hope that many who cannot attend during the day might share these blessings.

—Mrs. L. S. Shingleton,
District secretary

EAST DISTRICT. Our fall rally at Martinsburg, Pennsylvania was different than usual this time. Instead of one missionary guest speaker, we had three ladies—wives of our Brethren construction crew. The women were Mrs. Eileen Sellers, Mrs. Betty Sturgill, and Mrs. Mary Jordan. They had come from Covington, Virginia, where their husbands are building a church. They presented a skit, "Not an Unusual Day," which gave us an insight into their lives as construction wives. Interest in the mail received, reading the Word of God together, and witnessing to other women in the trailer camp were some of the things stressed. Later in the program was a question and answer period where we learned more about the work and needs of Brethren church building. When they appeared the third time on the program, each one gave a personal testimony. It brought more understanding of and interest in, this phase of our denomination's work.

If our Lord tarries a few years, we hope to see many of our East district daughters in Grace College. So to help prepare for this, both the SMM and the WMC have as a district project the furnishing of girls' rooms in the new college dorm. The girls call it the "Furniturama" project. Each church has been challenged to furnish one room which will cost one hundred ninty-eight dollars each. Thus eighty dollars will buy the bed; thirty dollars, chairs; fifty dollars a double dresser, and so on. Each group can keep track of the amount they are giving, and can visualize the pieces of furniture they are making possible. Some of the churches are small, and probably cannot meet such a high goal, but all can try. In days to come as we are "Kept by the Power of God," we will be glad for every bit we have sacrificed to help make a home for our girls while they are in training in a Christian school.

—Mrs. Fred Walter

Birthday Missionaries Honored at Conference



Mrs. Andrew Auxt and daughter Harriet are shown outside of the Missionary Residence in Winona Lake, Indiana, holding the large birthday cake with which WMC ladies honored *birthday missionaries.* The cake was decorated with the theme verse, "Kept by the Power of God." Mrs. Auxt and Harriet were dressed as an early American mother and daughter and Harriet is holding two nosegays similar to the ones that were given to each missionary lady present.

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My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.
Psalm 5:3



KEEP LOOKING UP

THE BLESSEDNESS OF GIVING

By Mrs. Marvin Lowery

"How!"

No; our Navajo friends do not speak like that, although it would be easier for us if they did. The Navajo country here in the United States is a home-mission field, but it is also a foreign field in every sense of the word because English is not spoken.

In our Brethren Boarding School at Cuba, New Mexico, we have sixty-three children with thirty-one girls from ages five to fifteen. During the school year we have many opportunities to speak with them of their need of the Lord. We teach them of His love for them and what He would have them to do with their lives.

Navajo girls have very little, materially, in comparison with other girls of their age in the United States. For example, the Navajo tribe supplies each girl with one outfit of clothes each year. This is the extent of their own personal wardrobe unless they should happen to be fortunate enough to have a "working" relative.

Our girls receive no allowance from their parents and have very few opportunities to earn money. Seldom do they have funds of their own. Often there is a knock at our door and a schoolgirl will be shyly standing there holding out an arrowhead that she or her mother has found. The idea of course, is to sell it and usually we buy them. This is one way of obtaining money.

Another way they obtain money is by making rugs. During the summer when the days are long and there is nothing else to do, the girls of the family will begin to work on a rug. There is more to be done before a beautiful rug is a finished product than one would think. The wool must be sheared from the sheep. Then it is carded, spun, bleached, dyed, and finally woven. It entails perhaps eighty hours of work, or longer, depending upon the size of the rug and the intricacy of the pattern. It is then taken to the trading post. Here it is sold or traded for very little, when one considers the time and effort that has been spent on it.

It is no wonder that they think they are entitled to spend all of their money as they wish. But, God's Word teaches that we are to give a portion back to Him. This is what we are endeavoring to teach our schoolgirls.

The Navajo boys and girls need to learn much about the blessedness of giving to the Lord. However, we are seeing our young people taking their places as vital Christians in the community.

Several Sundays ago one of our older girls dropped a dime into the collection plate. Needless to say it was a thrill to me. That dime could have bought a sack of candy which they prize so much.

Do pray for our Navajo girls that they might stand true to their Saviour in all ways. Pray that they will be yielded in being willing to give.

Suggested Program for December

Bible Study:

"Keep Looking Up . . . in Sacrifice"
Junior—Miss Mary Ann Habegger
Middler—Mrs. Glenn Baker
Senior—Mrs. Donald Cale

Memory Verse:
Acts 20:35b

Mission Study:

"Looking to Jesus . . . in Navajoland"
Mrs. Marvin Lowery

Emblem:
Money

About Your Project--LaDonna Smith

LaDonna Smith graduated from Grace College in 1961 and went immediately to administer to the Navajos in New Mexico. She has been there for fifteen months already. She writes: "I guess ever since I was a little girl I have loved the Indian people and have come to love them very much more after working with them. I praise God for the opportunity of serving here among these people."

LaDonna teaches the pre-first and first grade children at the mission school among many other things. She has a real job just teaching the little ones English. But, she teaches them Bible lessons each morning before their regular lessons. Right now, they are studying the Life of Christ. LaDonna is endeavoring to plant the Good Seed in their minds and hearts. Why? There are many superstitions there. If the Word of God dwells in their hearts, and when they grow and accept Jesus into their hearts, victory with Christ will remain.

Girls, give freely of that which the Lord has given you. Give in service to him and for His work there. LaDonna says, "Thank you so much for your support financially, and most of all with prayer—therein our strength lies."

PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Pray that your monthly meetings will be meaningful and worthwhile for each girl.
2. Pray that each girl will give freely and will realize the blessedness of giving.
3. Pray that all the necessary money will be received for the National SMM Project for Miss LaDonna Smith.

HONOR DISTRICTS 1961-62

1. Allegheny
2. East
3. Indiana
4. Iowa
5. Michigan
6. Mid-Atlantic
7. Midwest
8. Northern Ohio
9. Northwest
10. Southern California-Arizona

This is three more than last year BUT, lets have 100% in 1962-63!

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS

1. There is a mistake in the Senior Patroness Notes, Martha Goal 3. The last statement, "Each girl should serve on some committee for this project," should be included instead with Martha Goal 4.
2. The brochures will not be used any longer. The requirement sheets are used instead.
3. Please keep on file for future reference the September 8, 1962 issue of the Brethren Missionary Herald. Read and note the offerings, organization goals and recommendations.
4. If you have any questions or problems feel free to write to your national SMM patroness.
5. To the Mid-Atlantic and Northern Ohio districts, remember to send your news items to the national editor, Rosalie Ash, before November 15, 1962.

Reporting!

EAST DISTRICT. Believe it or not, reports and statistics can be interesting! At a recent WMC rally in the East district, the reports of the SMM of this district were given in the form of a skit. It proved to be a real blessing and an interesting way to present what usually are dull facts.

Many ladies who attended expressed their appreciation for this. Mrs. Ruth Barndt, district patroness, was responsible.

SMM's Giving Over $40

1.	Philadelphia, Pa. (Third), Senior	83.50
2.	Conemaugh, Pa. (Mundy's Corner) Senior	81.50
3.	Portis, Kans., Senior	78.08
4.	Hagerstown, Md. (Calvary), Middler	70.00
5.	Conemaugh, Pa. (Mundy's Corner) Junior	60.00
6.	Martinsburg, W. Va., Middler-Senior	54.55
7.	Akron, Ohio, Senior	51.50
8.	Middlebranch, Ohio, Junior	49.00
9.	Duncansville, Pa. (Leamersville) Middler	44.00
10.	Middlebranch, Ohio, Senior	41.99
11.	Johnstown, Pa. (First), Junior	41.80
12.	Berne, Ind., Combined	40.40

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WEST ALEXANDRIA, OHIO

The members of the Grace Brethren Community Church, West Alexandria, Ohio, are praising the Lord for a one-week revival and evangelistic meeting, October 14-21, under the leadership of Rev. Frank H. Gardner, pastor of the First Brethren Church, Camden, Ohio. There were seventeen professed decisions, four of them for salvation. We were pleased at the way our Brother Gardner magnified the Lord in his preaching, and in the earnestness of his evangelism.

—Horace Mohler, pastor

WINONA LAKE, IND.

Bob Collitt is the evangelist under the Board of Evangelism. Our reports from the field indicate that God's rich blessing has been upon the meetings he has been conducting this fall. Over 145 decisions have been made during the last two months of meetings. Untold blessing is attending the churches where he has been. The pastors are writing in telling of the results in the spiritual life of their congregations.

Pray for Bob as he labors on and on seeking the lost for Christ. The schedule for his meetings has been filled through 1964 and he is now setting up meetings for 1965.

Pray that God shall raise up many more evangelists among us for the last testimony that the Brethren churches will be privileged to give to this world of men. Only utterly blind people could fail to read the newspapers and the prophetic portions of God's Word and not realize that the time is short for the Gospel today.

—R. Paul Miller,
Pres. Board of Evangelism

LISTIE, PA.

The Listie Brethren Church has just completed a two-week evangelistic effort with Brother Edward Lewis, Palmyra, Pennsylvania. Because we had no pastor, a number of our laymen volunteered to engage in a visitation program with Brother Lewis. About seventy-five homes were visited during the two weeks. David Ed, of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, was engaged as song leader for the first week, and Lewis Gavazzoni for the second week. These men added much to our meeting.

The interest was good from the start, and Brother Lewis presented God's Word in a straightforward manner, and did a fine piece of work in our church. Our average attendance for the entire meeting was 104 per service. The pre-prayer services were well attended. The visible result of the meeting was thirty-eight decisions, of which eleven were first time.

These meetings were climaxed with our fall communion service under the direction of our evangelist. This service was unique in a number of respects. We had one rededication during the communion service. Our attendance was 138, which is the largest for a number of years. Our song leader, his wife, and daughter shared the blessing of this service with us, and were sincerely blessed. He told us this was the first time they had ever seen or participated in the service as conducted by the Brethren. Many folks voiced opinions of the wonderful fellowship in the meeting.

—C. J. Larmon, moderator

HAGERSTOWN, MD.

I am thankful to report a God blessed crusade at the Grace Brethren Church of Hagerstown, Maryland September 30-October 7. There were thirty-six first-time confessions of Christ and thirty-four rededications. The attendance for the entire eight days was excellent.

This church is having a spiritual impact on the city of Hagerstown with its Bible teaching ministry and its daily radio broadcast. Warren E. Tamkin is the pastor.

—Evangelist Bill Smith

Phoenix Brethren School Represented at Convention

Christian Day School educators from the Grace Brethren School of Phoenix, Arizona, were among the 600 delegates representing some sixty-two schools in attendance at the annual convention of the California Association of Christian Schools which met at San Gabriel Union Church, San Gabriel, California, Oct. 18 and 19.

The two-day conclave discussed many problems relating to primary and secondary education in California and Arizona.

Prominent educators and churchmen participated as speakers and discussion leaders, including Dr. Max Rafferty, candidate for the office of California State Superintendent of Instruction; C. Elwood Wilson of San Gabriel, California, president of the California Association of Christian Schools; John Blanchard, Wheaton, Illinois, executive director of the National Association of Christian Schools.

Principal speaker for the convention was Dr. Grady Wilson, associate evangelist with Billy Graham, recently returned from participation in Dr. Graham's Brazilian evangelistic campaign.

Brethren educators from the Phoenix Day School who attended the convention included Mrs. Dorothy Shaeffer, principal of Grace Brethren School, 2940 West Bethany Home Road; Mr. Ken Shaeffer, school board chairman; and teachers: Mrs. Phyllis Jordan, Mr. Charles Lee, Mrs. Kathryn Shaeffer, Mrs. Agnes Smith, Mrs. Doris Stucky, Mrs. Ann Surber. There were many teachers from our Brethren schools in California who also attended.

A step forward for Christian education at the convention was the appointment of a committee to work on some plan for the accreditation of Christian schools—both elementary and secondary. This work was to be coordinated through the office of the National Association of Christian Schools.

DATELINE



MEMBER EPA EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION

NOTICE. The month of December will be a trial period for a proposed change in the *Brethren Missionary Herald* magazine. The Herald Company desires to obtain the reaction of its readers concerning a change to a bi-weekly. The new magazine will be larger and in color. The subscription price will remain the same, and the various boards of our Fellowship will retain the same number of pages in the Herald for their particular emphasis. The two-color issues will be dated December 8 and December 22. A self-addressed post card will be enclosed in the Dec. 22 issue so that you may voice your reaction to this proposed change.

ASHLAND, OHIO. Christian sympathies are extended to Dr. and Mrs. Miles Taber and family in their bereavement caused by the sudden death of their daughter, Mrs. Gene (Helen) Stees. William Kolb, assistant pastor, officiated at the funeral service held Oct. 27 at the Grace Brethren Church, of which Dr. Taber is pastor.

DANVILLE, OHIO. The Youth Evangelism Team ministered at the Danville Brethren Church on Rally Day, Oct. 14. Melvin C. Hobson is pastor. Dave Hocking gave the message in the morning service, and John Schumacher in the evening service.

LA MIRADA, CALIF. Seven new majors have been added to Biola college this year. They are Biological Science, Language Arts, Non-professional Psychology, Social Science, Humanities, Speech, and Non-professional Music. Dr. Samuel H. Sutherland is president of the school.

ALEXANDRIA, VA. The congregation of the Commonwealth Brethren Church has voted to give their pastor, John J. Burns, an annual seven weeks leave of absence from the church. Two weeks will be for Annual Conference, and the other five weeks for evangelistic services or vacation at the discretion of the pastor.

WASHINGTON, D. C. Dr. W. A. Ogden, pastor of the First Brethren Church, will be the host pastor at the Laymen's fellowship dinner of the Mid-Atlantic district on Nov. 17.

JACKSON, MICH. The first anniversary services were held at the Grace Brethren Church here on Oct. 28, at three o'clock in the afternoon. Gilbert Hawkins is pastor.

SAN DIEGO, CALIF. On the second anniversary of the coming of the Dalke family to the Grace Brethren Church, the congregation surprised them with a gift of $125. Rev. Henry Dalke has started a custom of presenting a cake on his anniversary to the one who brings the most people to Sunday school.

On Oct. 7, a number of things were combined at the Grace Brethren Church: Rally Day, Homecoming Day, the dedication of their new organ, and the observance of the pastor's second anniversary. There were 190 in attendance and six decisions for Christ during the morning and evening services.

GOSHEN, IND. Allen Schlatter was the guest preacher at the Grace Brethren Church in the absence of Dr. R. Paul Miller, who was holding evangelistic services in the First Brethren Church at Fort Wayne. On Oct. 21 Grace Brethren had their largest attendance of 131 in Sunday school.

DAYTON, OHIO. A covered dish dinner at noon was a feature of Rally Day at the First Brethren Church, Oct. 21. Rev. Scott Weaver, of Bethel Brethren Church, Osceola, Ind. was the evangelist for the week. He was also the speaker at the afternoon service.

SOUTH BEND, IND. Homecoming services are planned for Nov. 11 at the Ireland Road Brethren Church, Gene Witzky, pastor. Russell Ogden, former pastor, now of the First Brethren Church, Akron, Ohio, will be the guest speaker. There were 175 in Sunday school on Oct. 14, and ten decisions for Christ.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Charles Gantt, Piqua, Ohio
Walter Haag, Mexico
Thomas Inman, Denver, Colo.
Forrest Jackson, Dayton, Ohio
Lon Karns, Englewood, Ohio
Forest Lance, Anaheim, Calif.

RITTMAN, OHIO. The Brethren Chapel, of which Rev. Granville Tucker is pastor, reports that they have had an excellent beginning to their "Rocket Race to the Moon" Sunday School Contest. On Oct. 14 there were 74 in Sunday school, and the previous Wednesday prayer service the attendance was 47. Several decisions for Christ were made.

WINONA LAKE, IND. Rev. and Mrs. J. Paul Dowdy, and Rev. and Mrs. Ernest Bearinger are rejoicing over their first grandson. Jonathan Paul was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. Paul Dowdy, Jr., Oct. 12. He weighed in at 8 lbs., 14 oz. The paternal grandparents are missionaries to Argentina. The maternal grandparents are full-time workers at the First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif., and the Paramount Christian Day School.

SPECIAL. The book, *History of the Tunkers, and the Brethren Church*, originally published by Henry R. Holsinger in 1901 has been reprinted. It has been out of print for a number of years. It may be purchased from the Brethren Missionary Herald for $7, postage paid.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS. The new address of James Dickson is now Erhet Inc. Parada 30, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico. Please change Annual on page 33.

VANDALIA, OHIO. Several prospective members of the Vandalia Grace Brethren Church, were baptized by the pastor, Sherwood Durkee, at the North Riverdale Brethren Church, Oct. 21.

LISTIE, PA. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd B. Mostoller celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary Sept. 20. Mr.

Mostoller is the teacher of the Friendly Bible Class, and this makes the second Golden Anniversary in their class during the month of September.

MODESTO, CALIF. September 14 was the last day for the McHenry Avenue Grace Brethren Church to hold meetings in their old building. A pot luck luncheon was partaken of at noon, with several former members present. After the noon meal they moved over to their new location at the corner of Carver Road and Glenwood. The McHenry Avenue building was sold for $25,000 and the new building purchased for $17,000. The new name will be the Community Grace Brethren Church. Be sure to change your new Annual. The first regular services were held at the new location Oct. 28, and the charter membership drive will extend for six weeks. The church is in a new housing development and great hopes for continued growth are seen. Alfred Dodds is the pastor. He and his family have now moved to 506 Balboa Way, Modesto. Please change your Annual for this also. Pastor Dodds is selling insurance to help with financing until the church is able to pay a full-time pastor.

ROANOKE, VA. The Southeast district Youth rally will be held at the Ghent Brethren Church Nov. 23-24. Kenneth Teague will be the host pastor.

STOYSTOWN, PA. Evangelistic services were held at the Reading Brethren Church from Oct. 22 through Nov. 4. Rev. James Clinton was the evangelist, and Leonard Bennett is the pastor.

PHILADELPHIA, PA. Robert Griffith, new pastor of the First Brethren Church, and his wife held open house at the parsonage on Oct. 21. The family was greeted by more than 50 people. A gift of $200 plus other gifts were given to the Griffiths that day. They are greatly appreciative of the people's kindness.

NOTICE. Copies of *The Brethren Annual* have been placed in the mail to all those who regularly receive the *Brethren Missionary Herald.* If extra copies are desired by our pastors or officials of our organizations, they may be obtained by writing to the *Missionary Herald.*

BEAUMONT, CALIF. Rev. Russell Konves, of Indio, Calif., conducted the threefold communion service at the Cherry Valley Brethren Church Oct. 24. Roof trusses were put up on the new building on Oct. 20.

PHOENIX, ARIZ. Pastor and Mrs. Charles Ashman extend their thanks and appreciation to all who shared in the farewell fellowship dinner at the Grace Brethren Church, Oct. 14. Also for the love offering and the serenading party at the parsonage after the evening services. They began their ministry at the Winona Lake Brethren Church, Winona Lake, Ind., on Nov. 4.

WINONA LAKE, IND. Mrs. Harry Trover is the new director of Child Evangelism Fellowship for Kosciusco County. She has about forty-three Grace College students who are assisting her in this needy work.

LA VERNE, CALIF. Dr. Nicholas Kurtanek, professor of Bible at Talbot Seminary, was the guest speaker on the Sunday evening service series of "God's Word for Today," on Oct. 7. Dr. Kurtanek is a Grace Seminary graduate.

INGLEWOOD, CALIF. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Fay, appointed missionaries to Argentina, were guest speakers at the First Brethren Church on Nov. 4 in a mission service. They will soon be leaving for their first term of service. R. P. DeArmey is pastor. Dr. L. L. Grubb is to speak at the services on Nov. 11.

WOOSTER, OHIO. Kenneth Ashman, pastor of the First Brethren Church, and Charles Ashman, new pastor of the Winona Lake Brethren Church, Winona Lake, Ind., shared the First Brethren Church pulpit together on Oct. 28. The message was "From Brother to Brother."

Wedding Bells

Announcements in this column are published when sent in by a pastor.

Marie Taylor and Robert Cocklin, Oct. 20, The First Brethren Church, Middlebranch, Ohio.

Joyce Ann Hilton and David Scott Miller, Aug. 10, Ghent Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va.

Donya Karen Barnard and William Ward Miller, First Methodist Church, Bakersfield, Calif.

Lorri Brown and Pete Kriemes at the home of the bride, Portsmouth, Ohio. Peter is a member of the Danville Brethren Church.

Ruth Ries and James Wallie, Oct. 7, Grace Brethren Church, Ozark, Mich.

Shelby Jean Bryant and James Heist, Oct. 13, Listie Brethren Church, Listie, Pa.

ENDS EARTHLY PILGRIMAGE

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

MARTINEZ, Mrs. Eliza, passed away at the Embudo Hospital Oct. 3. She was a member of long standing in the Canon Brethren Church. The final services were held at the Canon Brethren Church on the following Saturday.

—Sam Horney, pastor.

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 30 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Church	*Date*	*Pastor*	*Speaker*
Virginia Beach, Va.	Nov. 11-18	A. H. Arrington	Gerald Teeter
Sidney, Ind.	Nov. 18-25	A. Rollin Sandy	E. William Male
Trotwood, Ohio	Nov. 18-25	Larry Gegner	Don and Ben Laustein
Danville, Ohio	Nov. 19-25	M. C. Hobson	Wm. Tweeddale
Conemaugh, Pa. (Pike Brethren)	Nov. 21-25	Clair Gartland	J. C. Whitcomb
Fort Wayne, Ind. (Grace)	Nov. 21-28	Glen Crabb	Thomas Julien

THE CROWNS of the CHRISTIAN

How will the Christian be judged? The first thing that we should mention is that the Bible clearly teaches us that the Christian "Shall not come into judgment." In John 5:24, the Bible says: "Verily, verily I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto life." The word "condemnation" in the language of the New Testament is actually "judgment," and this verse means we shall never be judged if we know Christ as our personal Saviour.

But right away a verse such as II Corinthians 5:10 flashes across your mind, and you know that it says: "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ." How then do you reconcile these two verses? I do not have to reconcile them, for the Bible has already done this. The word that we translate "judgment seat" is a unique word, and it literally means a reward throne, it was upon this seat that a general would sit to give rewards to his soldiers. The "we" that is referred to in II Corinthians 5:10 is referring to Christians, for looking at the way the word is used in verse 7, "*We* walk by faith," this could not possibly be pointing to the unsaved.

What then is going to happen at the "judgment seat of Christ"? God is going to separate the good deeds which the Christian has done from the bad ones. The word "bad" has reference to "garbage" and is not the usual Greek word of contrast. In I Corinthians 3:13 Paul tells us that "every man's work shall be made manifest" and the "fire" shall "try every man's work." Paul sees in his mind's eye a fire sweeping across the city of Corinth. He sees the homes built of "gold, silver, and precious stones" (such as granite and marble). He also sees homes built of "wood, hay, and stubble." Of course, the latter are quickly consumed. All this city is built upon the foundation of "Christ" (v. 11). After all is completed "the man is saved yet so as by fire," and he suffers the loss. In other words, at the judgment seat of Christ *all our works will appear before our eyes, the good will last—the evil with a breath of kindness will be blown away.* This is not salvation, it is God's loving action fitting us for heaven. From the good things that remain, God graciously rewards us *crowns.*

The word "crown" has five letters and the number of crowns we receive are five—they are:

C—The Crown of the Clergy (I Pet. 5:4)

R—The Crown of the Righteous (II Tim. 4:8)

O—The Crown of the Overcomer (Rev. 2:10)

W—The Crown of the Worker (I Cor. 9:25)

N—The Crown of the non-Conformist (James 1:12)

C—The Crown of the Clergy (I Pet. 5:4)

When we think of the word "clergy," we often think of a group of specially-ordained men who are lords over the church. Such usage is foreign to the New Testament. It is interesting that this very word is used in connection with our text, for in I Peter 5:3 we read, "Neither being lords over God's heritage," and the word "heritage" is the same word from which we get our English word "clergy."

And as the verse implies that God never did encourage a group of men to be lords or rulers over the people of God. This is an abomination unto the Lord, and in Revelation 2:7, the Lord Jesus says that He *hates* the idea of men ruling over men in the Christian church. He puts it this way: "Thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitanes which I also hate." The word "Nicholaitanes" comes from two words the first is "Niki," which we all know because we have a guided missile by the same name and know it means "victory or conquer." The second part of the word means "laity," or "people." Thus the Lord says that He hates the deeds of men who try to rule it over the people. Immediately you retort, do you mean that the Lord does not appreciate the work of the *pastors* of our churches—no not at all. For the pastor is a shepherd who leads the flock, and he recognizes the fact that he has no more access unto God than any other Christian. He recognizes that he is just another priest, for the Bible teaches that every Christian is a priest. Speaking to the church, Peter who was supposed to be the first pope said: "Ye also . . . are . . . an holy priesthood" (I Pet. 2:5).

The word has come to us from our newspapers and magazines that some of the pastors have openly advocated agnosticism, a belief that questions the very existence of God. In these days of theological hodge podge, let's all return to the true Word of God. I remember hearing a sad story told by a frustrated G.I. who went to another chaplain with a serious spiritual problem. The chap-

lain asked him why he did not go to his own chaplain, and the G.I. replied: "How could I, I was drinking with him last night."

In these days, we pastors who know Christ as Saviour have a great responsibility to live for Him, to lead *His flock* that we may receive "the crown of glory which fadeth not away."

R—Crown of Righteousness (II Tim. 4:8)

A little girl sat on her chair as her mother entertained a Christian friend. Their conversation was on the things of the Lord, and soon they began to talk about the second coming of the Lord. The little girl sat intently still as she listened with eager ears about this wonderful event. Soon she could contain herself no longer, and she began to ask questions about this marvelous event. Because the conversation was interrupted, her mother asked her to go to her room and play. Several hours passed and the mother heard nothing from her daughter, so she began to look about the house for her girl. She could not be found. As a last resort, she went to the attic and there standing before a window was her little girl dressed in her very best dress, with her face and hands washed, and her hair neatly combed. "Jane," said her mother, "What are you doing?" The little girl at first startled, replied: "Oh mother, I heard you speaking about the return of Jesus, and I wanted to be the first one to see Him, so I cleaned myself up to meet the Lord." If you are truthfully awaiting the return of the Lord, you, too, will keep yourself unspotted from the world.

Paul was awaiting the return of the Lord. He thus told Timothy that he would receive a *righteous crown* because he loved the appearing of the Lord, and then went on to say that this would be given each one who "loved the appearing." This is a *righteous crown* given by the *righteous Judge*. What an admonition to this age, which seems to live by the laws of sin and lust. Is there a *righteous crown awaiting you?* Are you anxious for the return of the Lord?

O—The Crown of the Overcomer (Rev. 2:10)

The story is told about Cranmer, a faithful Christian martyr. It points out the steadfast desire some men had to receive the crown of life. He was martyred because he refused to go along with an organization which did not love his Lord. The wood was kindled and the fire began to burn near him. He stretched out his arm, and put his right hand into the flame. He held it steadfast and immovable that all men might see his hand burned before his body was touched. He then lifted his eyes toward heaven, and said, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit," and in this way he died for his testimony for the Lord." He was an overcomer. "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." These words were spoken to a church that was in the post-apostolic era when Christians were taken by the Roman emperor,

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doused with pitch, fastened to poles, and ignited to illuminate their gardens; when Christians were pitched to lions, and speared through by the gladiators. "Be thou faithful." Christian, are you being faithful to the Lord by the life that you live? are you an overcomer? The next verse says: "He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death."

W—The Crown of the Worker (I Cor. 9:25)

"Every man that striveth for mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible."

Years ago I used to run in our high school track team. We won occasionally and we also lost. We usually lost to the team that would practice harder than we practiced. Some of the teams would spend hours in training for one meet. They would watch their diet, they would not stay out late at night, no smoking, no drinking. The training rules were rigid. But today, I cannot remember one of the fellows who won the meets that were most important in that day. The Greeks would race and receive a crown made of leaves, and soon after it would deteriorate, and be blown away. But we fellow Christians labor for an incorruptible crown. Are you as diligent about your life as the athlete is about his life?

No; we are not saved by works, but because we are saved, we would remember that this is the reason why Christ saved us. "We are saved by grace"—it is a "gift," "not of works." We enjoy saying the words of Ephesians 2:8 and 9. But remember that we are saved "unto good works." A person cannot rejoice in his "positional righteousness" if he does not have a "practical every day righteousness."

Mr. Kimball was serious about his work as a Sunday-school teacher—he was working for his "incorruptible crown." He saw to it that he went to the home of every single one of his students. He did not find Dwight at home, so he went to the place where he worked in order to tell him about the Saviour. Dwight quickly responded as the Holy Spirit spoke to his heart. Later, Dwight grew up to become the famous evangelist Dwight L. Moody who turned many thousands to the Saviour. Why? Because a Sunday-school teacher was interested in eternal values, he worked in the light of eternity. Friend, will you receive an incorruptible crown?

N—The Crown of the non-Conformist

"Blessed is the man that endureth temptation; for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him" (James 1:12).

The crown that is here presented is the crown that we will receive because we are tried for our faith in Christ. The trials that we receive may be very subtle. Because we turn our backs upon a group of fellows for telling off color jokes, they may ridicule us, but these trials will go toward our crown. It may be that you keep your business above board.

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Chastening for Chastity

"Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby" (Heb. 12:11).

The Phillips translation is especially good for this verse: "Now obviously no 'chastening' seems pleasant at the time: in fact it is most unpleasant. Yet when it is over, we can see that it has quietly produced the fruit of real goodness in those who have accepted it in the right spirit."

God has said that He has begun a good work in each one of us, His children, and will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ. Perhaps we do not know *all* that this work is, but we do know that we are being constantly conformed to His image. This is a paramount work in all believers. Paul, who was called as a special apostle to the gentiles, was previously called to reveal God's Son in himself. So you see this being conformed to the image of Christ is important. Being trained by chastening brings us closer to the image, the completion which of course shall be in that day we stand before Him. Then we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

Too often we are prone to express our contempt for chastening. God has told us *not* to despise the chastening, the child-training, nor faint when we are rebuked of Him. Remember it is the one whom the Lord loves that He chastens. He does not, so to speak, have a grudge against us! Even in the case of earthly parents, it is not revenge that prompts us to "child-train" or chasten our own children, though perhaps the children may think so. Our Lord said our child-training is for our profit that we might be partakers of His holiness.

He is merely seeking to purify us from all that mars the likeness of Christ in us. It is His holiness that He is seeking to perfect within us. The silversmith heats the silver metal in the crucible until he can see his own likeness reflected on its surface. The intense heat drives out the impurities; that process the silversmith carries on until the metal is pure. Just so, our Heavenly Father would have us reflect the image of His Son. And He will purge us of all that dims that reflection. Therefore, child of God, it is well if you would not associate the word "chasten" with "chastize," but rather couple it with "chastity," the jewel of spotless beauty of heart and life. This is in keeping with the declaration of God that He has foreordained us to be conformed to the image of His Son.

Of Christ it is said in Hebrews 5:8: "Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered." And have you not noted how true this is in the lives of all God's children? The training is grievous for the present, but later it yields a peaceful fruit of righteousness. Let each one of us make this a personal issue just now. As we scan our lives in retrospect, what opinion do you suppose the onlookers will have of the Saviour that we have reflected? Is it not true that the love of Christ we *know* is far from the love of Christ we *show?*

The shepherds of the East have a method for training their wayward sheep. A lady tells of her summer in Switzerland. While taking her daily hike into the more rugged terrain she came upon a shepherd's fold. When she went to the door and looked in, she saw the shepherd sitting with his flock around him. On a pile of straw lay a single sheep. Upon investigation the sheep was found to have a broken leg. Pitying the poor sheep she asked about the accident. "There was no accident; I broke that sheep's leg," said the shepherd. When he saw the look on the woman's face the shepherd went on: "Madam, of all the sheep in my flock, this one was the most wayward. It never would obey my voice. It never would follow in the pathway in which I was leading. It wandered to the edge of many a perilous cliff. Not only was it disobedient itself, but it also was ever leading others of my flock into like danger. I knew from experience what had to be done to train this sheep, so I broke its leg. The first day when I went to it with food, it tried to bite me. I left it alone several days, then when I went back to it with food, it not only ate the food, but it also licked my hand and showed signs of submission and even affection. Now when this sheep gets around, and it will be soon, it will be the model sheep of my flock. No sheep will hear my voice so quickly, none will follow so closely at my side. Instead of leading its mates astray, it will be an example and will

guide others who tend to be wayward. It will lead them at my call into the path of obedience. This sheep has learned obedience through suffering."

And God works similarly! Perhaps there are some who have had their spiritual leg broken by God so that they would follow in obedience their Shepherd. Yes; from experience they have learned obedience through suffering. Are you suffering from baffled plans which have brought you the keenest disappointment of life? Are you suffering from temporal losses and broken fortunes? Are you suffering from personal bereavement caused by the loss of loved ones, either from the home fireside or from His life? Suffering one, out of your very agony of heart and soul, somehow, oh *somehow*, the eternal God of love and mercy is seeking to bring into your life the peaceful fruit of righteousness. For the present moment this discipline seems painful, it is not pleasant, but remember we learn obedience through the things we suffer. God is treating you as a son!

The Crowns . . .

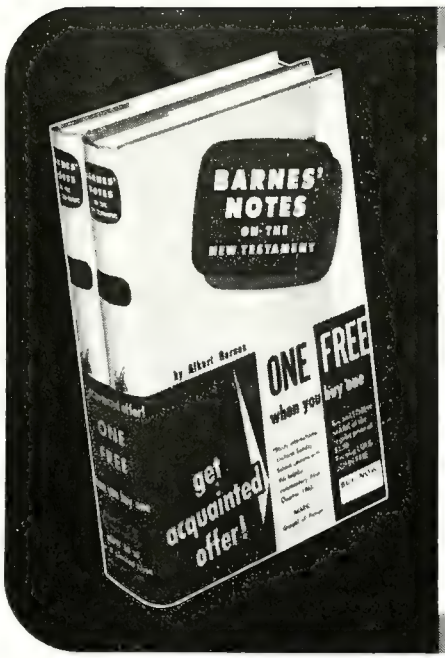
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even though a competitor may win out by shady means. If you are tried, you will receive a reward. Then it could be that you may be forced to go through a life and death struggle for your faith in Christ.

Joseph was an African Christian who loved the Lord dearly. One day as he and his wife sat in their little hut, they saw a group who they knew to be Mau-Mau terrorists coming toward them. Joseph told his wife to hide under the bed. When they came into the little hut they said: "Joseph we have waited long enough for you to join our movement, will you drink the blood of the Mau Mau." With this the leader stepped forward and demanded an answer. Joseph Answered: "I cannot denounce my Christianity because I have tasted of the blood of Jesus, and it cleanses from all sin. I cannot drink of the blood of the Mau Mau."

With this they threw a strong rope about his neck, and threw the other end over a rafter. They pulled him from the floor and let him drop. As he regained consciousness they would shout: "Will you take our oath?" But Joseph was not willing to be conformed to their evil movement. But to their fiendish ideas Joseph would reply: "The blood of Jesus is sufficient for me." This torture continued from nine in the evening until four in the morning, when Joseph finally breathed his last breath, and the murderers slunk away in bitter defeat. I can picture Joseph sitting in heaven and upon his head is the *crown of life*.

Friend are you living in the light of eternity? Remember that for every deed you do as a Christian, the Lord will reward you. For the clergy who will lead their flock to the pastures of His Word, they will receive the *crown of glory*.



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INTRODUCING . . .



Mr. Ken Sanders of South Bend, Indiana. Ken was born in Lakeville, Indiana, and went to high school there, where he was active in sports and student activities.

After graduation in 1954, Ken took a three-year course in architectural draftsmanship, graduating in 1955. He also served two years in the Army with Special Services as a draftsman at the guided missile base in El Paso, Texas. Ken designed the first miniature set of Army guided missiles to scale. Ken has worked with young people in various churches, and has been very well-received. The youth groups in which he has worked have experienced unusual growth. Ken has also worked with Youth for Christ in South Bend and Plymouth, Indiana. After spending five years as an architectural steel detailer and estimator, he is now working with Evangelical Associates as an architectural draftsman and job captain of pre-engineered churches.

Two years ago, Ken began working in the Ireland Road Brethren Church of South Bend, and since that time, the Lord has been burdening his heart for full-time work with young people. We are happy to have Ken Sanders working with us in the Brethren Youth Council for this year. Ken is working with our youth leader's booklet, "Leads for Leaders," and we are offering his services to churches desiring workshops and know-how sessions in the field of youth work. Pray for Ken Sanders in his work with the ministry of the Brethren Youth Council.

NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK

National Youth Week begins January 27, 1963 and continues through February 3. Now is the time to prepare for this important week in The Brethren Church. The theme this year is "On Call." One week of special youth emphasis in a local church may mean the difference between an effective or defective youth program in the church. Begin now to plan, prepare, and pray!

B. Y. F.

Did you know that one out of every fifteen Brethren churches does not have an organized youth group? Many of these that are organized have not as yet begun to flourish into an active, training program for their young people. It is difficult in our modern-day life to present an effective, dynamic youth program for the young people of our church. But our young people desire such a program, and of greater importance, they need an effective training program.

We have recommended Scripture Press Training Hour material as the official B.Y.F. program material for our Brethren churches. Through many years of research, this material is designed to meet the needs of young people, and is planned on a long-range scale. We believe that it is the best in the field of youth work today. How about your church? Is your youth program thriving and vitally interested in training your young people?

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Editorials

By L. L. Grubb



Why Give to Brethren Home Missions?

In these days of apostasy and many religions, the child of God should question and investigate each organization to which he contributes. "Blind" denominational loyalty could be dishonoring to God if the denomination is not fulfilling God's purpose on earth. Brethren believers should be certain that when they give to Brethren home missions they are supporting God's program. This is true of any other aspect of our Fellowship ministry.

We believe that giving to Brethren home missions is right and honoring to the Lord for many reasons. Consider four of these reasons:

First, it is right because the whole program of Brethren home missions is based on the revelation and instruction of the Word of God.

Each command Jesus gave to evangelize lost souls becomes a mandate for our Brethren church extension program. The last words of Jesus on earth dealt with this: ". . . ye shall be witnesses unto me" (Acts 1:8). Witnessing believers who join themselves in a local church, which becomes their headquarters, carry God's message of love through Christ to lost souls. Our purpose in Brethren home missions is "to establish, maintain or assist churches of the Brethren faith." This is a quotation from our Articles of Incorporation.

Churches established by the Apostle Paul and others in New Testament days became sources and potentials for the spread of the Gospel. In these churches Christians found instruction and encouragement for a bold, fearless testimony.

Building Brethren churches means building Bible churches! The National Fellowship of Brethren Churches is one of the few groups of churches today which can be called "a Bible church." This means that the total scope of our program operates within the framework of God's Word.

Therefore, to give support to Brethren home missions is to support a Bible program. This is pleasing to God.

Secondly, it is right because America needs new Bible preaching churches more than anything else.

Nobody would dare to deny that our Nation is in dire spiritual need. Daily newspapers use most of their front page space to report sins and crimes committed in our urban centers. Crime has more than doubled in the last decade. Again, many American churches are apostate. The forces which make the greatest impact on our 187 million people are designed to encourage the satisfaction of the "flesh." The tragic results of this situation are seen in the disintegration of the American home.

How can we stop this headlong plunge toward national destruction? Legislation has failed. The sociological approach has been ineffective. The highest standard of living in our national history has not lessened our greed and selfishness. Apparently a more educated citizenry is not the answer. The proper diagnosis of our problems shows that we suffer basically from a lack of obedience to God and His Word. There is little concern about spiritual matters in American government or among the people. Only the church has the remedy for this malady. *It is God's Word* with all that is involved in its teaching on sin, salvation, and the total redemptive work of our Lord Jesus Christ. This is the only answer to our national problems.

So, giving to support Brethren home missions is directly meeting America's greatest need.

Third, it is right because it pays large dividends. Our Lord set the minimum value of one human soul. According to Him, it is worth at least as much as the "whole world" (Mark 8:36). Six hundred thirteen souls found Christ as personal Saviour last year in new home-mission churches. Five new houses of worship were dedicated to Christ. Four churches "grew up" and became self-supporting. Forty-six missions and 113 missionaries are diligently carrying on the same ministry this year. Each one of these new churches is supporting other facets of our Fellowship activity. Young life is being channeled into our schools and on into the home- and foreign-mission fields from home-mission churches.

Through the local churches home-mission dollars reach around the world.

Is this what we desire to accomplish as Brethren?

Then, let's support Brethren home missions through more praying and more giving.

Fourth, it is right because all Brethren should support their own church extension and home-mission program.

Is this unreasonable or is it too much to ask?

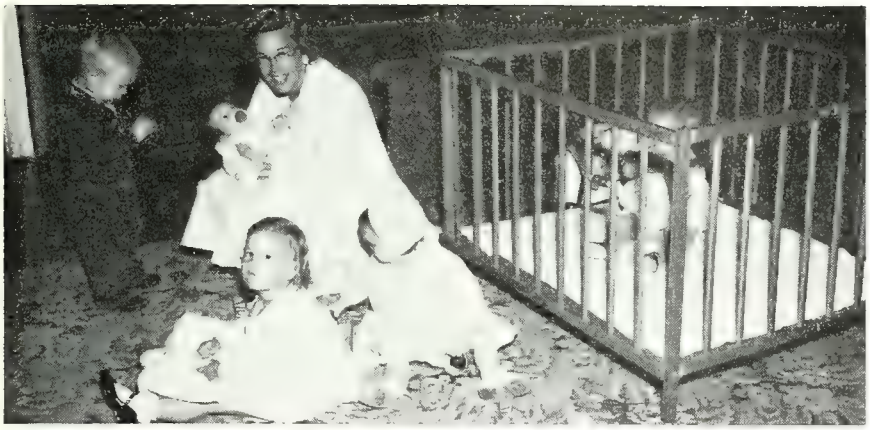
Before joining The Brethren Church each individual should determine the nature of the church and be sure that its doctrinal position and church polity are acceptable. To join any church involves responsibilities in support and service which are encumbent upon all members. This also means approval of its program and policies. This surely involves support of its agencies, all of which are

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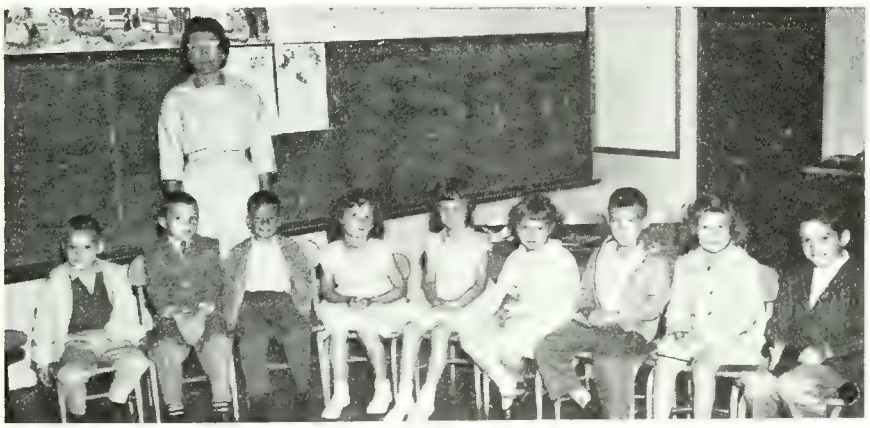
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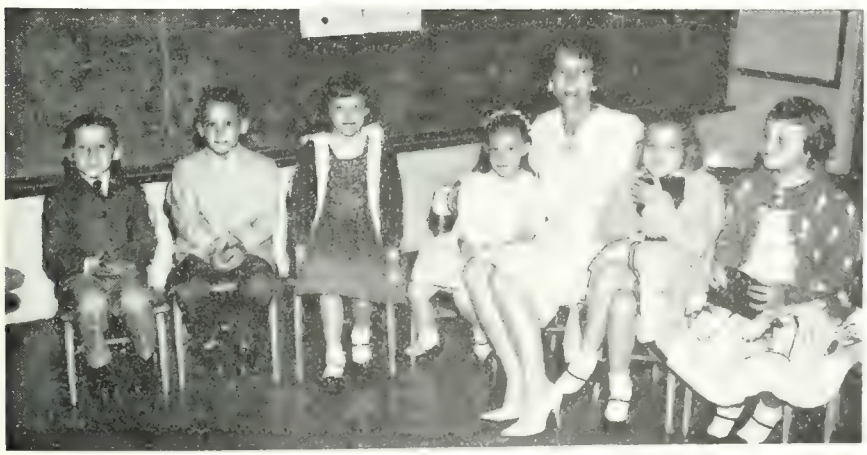


Families looking to Christ—This is the burden of Brethren Home Missions in the year ahead. Every home-mission church is setting a family goal, and every Brethren family ought to be praying for this need of families turning to Christ in these crisis days.









Your Home Mission Gifts--

Your home-mission gifts put Brethren churches on the map! On pages 712 and 713 this is illustrated. To your left is one such church at West Covina, California, where Rev. Robert Kliewer is pastor. On the next page is still more evidence of this growing Sunday school and church.

On the pages following is another growing church at Akron, Ohio. The Fairlawn Brethren Church was started by Dr. R. E. Gingrich who served on a part-time basis. In September of this year Rev. Vernon Harris became the first full-time pastor, and new attendance figures are being written in the records of this home-mission church. The newest of these records was 149 on a recent Sunday.

"Home Mission Field Reports" carry brief news items from churches giving you last minute victories and blessings from the Lord. Just as these come to you monthly, it should be a reminder that the need for your prayer support and gifts is not just for a season at Thanksgiving time, but a month by month need.

While part of the construction crew is "putting a larger church on the map" in Covington, Virginia, another part is building a new church in Toppenish, Washington. Down in Tucson, Arizona ground was recently broken and a new building is expected to be completed next month. In Davenport, Iowa, Hagerstown, Maryland, and Rialto, California new churches have been dedicated. Out in Los Altos, California, a church went self supporting, and down in Vandalia, Ohio a new group is working on building plans. This is how the process of "putting Brethren churches on the map" works. It is a simple process and consists of *God and you.*

LEGEND

Top down: Cradle roll, Mrs. E. L. Wheeler; nursery, Mrs. Victor Myers; kindergarten, Mrs. R. K. Pryor; and first grade, Mrs. Robert Kliewer.

Fort Wayne Pastor Ordained

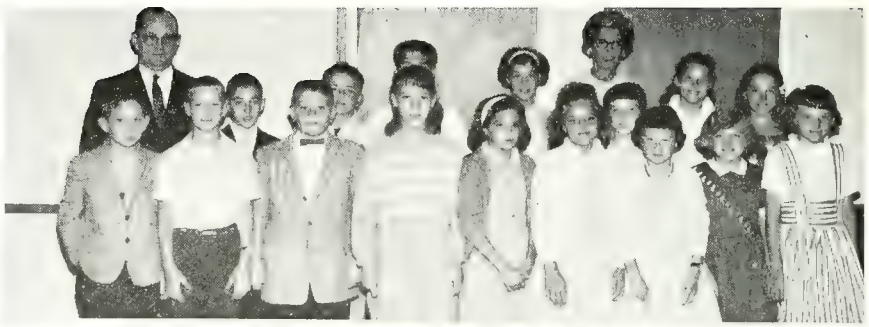


Left to right: Rev. Mark Malles, Rev. Lester E. Pifer, and Dr R Paul Miller

Rev. Glen Grabb, pastor of the Grace Brethren Home Mission Church in Fort Wayne, Indiana, was ordained in a special service on Sunday, October 7, 1962. Those assisting in the ordination service were Rev. Mark Malles, pastor of the First Brethren Church, Fort Wayne; Dr. R. Paul Miller, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Goshen; and Rev. Lester E. Pifer, assistant secretary of the Brethren Home Missions Council, Inc., Winona Lake, Indiana.

Pastor Crabb graduated from Grace Theological Seminary with the class of 1959 and has been serving the Fort Wayne church since that time. This home-mission church is likewise setting new records with 121 present on October 21. They missed first place in their division of the National Sunday School Contest by just one percentage point last month.

A week of special meetings "Preparing for Tomorrow" was held by the first pastor and now missionary to France, Tom Julien, from October 21 to 28.









Top down: Junior department, Mr. and Mrs. Booth; junior high and high school, Robert Kliewer; and adult class, Mr. E. L. Wheeler.

LEGEND FOR PICTURES ON OPPOSITE PAGE »

(Fairlawn Brethren Church, Akron, Ohio)

Top down left: Nursery department, Miss Janet Malick and Mrs. Betty Herbruck; primary A, Mrs. Anne Ankeny; kindergarten, Miss Rama Lee Harris; primary B, Mrs. Donna Gray; and junior high, William Sigenthaler.

Top down right: Junior boys, Virgil Ankeny; junior girls, Mrs. Vernon Harris; junior high girls, Pauline Ruthrauff; high school, Robert Spicer; and young adult, Rev. Vernon Harris.

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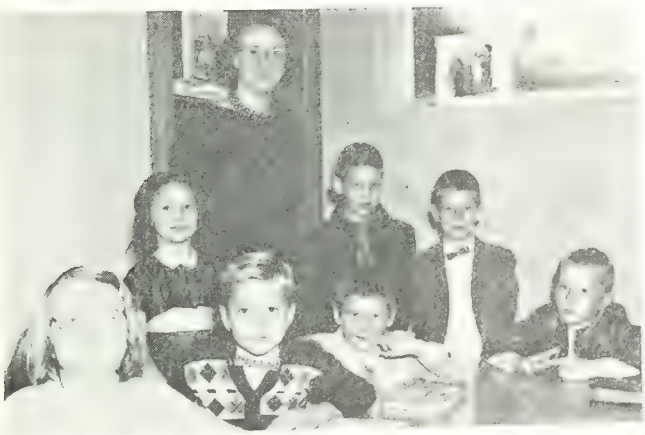






















Top down: Adult women, Mrs. Elmer Garber, and adult men, Mr. Elmer Garber.

Home Mission Field Reports

VANDALIA, OHIO (Sherwood Durkee, pastor). We praise the Lord for the first baptismal service of the Vandalia Grace Brethren Church. On a recent Sunday we had the privilege of baptizing four young people in a service at the North Riverdale Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio.

RIALTO, CALIFORNIA (Gerald Polman, pastor). The Lord has been real good in giving us a time of harvesting. We have seen eleven first-time decisions in the past six weeks here at the Rialto Brethren Church.

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA (Lyle Marvin, pastor). Isn't He wonderful! We are making a good start on our ten-family goal. A returned missionary (non-Brethren to Japan) family united with our church—nine more to go.

A man from a broken home joined the church two weeks ago. Last week he took a second honeymoon with his wife and they are now re-united —eight more to go.

A Sunnyvale Brethren family from Ashland, Ohio have asked to transfer their membership to San Jose—only seven more to go.

A new attendance record of 168 was set in the Sunday school with 102 in the evening service the same day for a new regular Sunday service record.

GOSHEN, INDIANA (R. Paul Miller, Sr., pastor). We have been running the highest Sunday-school attendance average in Goshen's history. Last Sunday, October 28, we had 131 present, which is our record single attendance. We just experienced real revival here at Grace Brethren Church. A total of forty-three decisions were made in the meeting with the Emmons Evangelistic team.

GEISTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA (Randall Poyner, pastor). We have much to praise the Lord for here in Geistown. In the Sunday morning service on September 30 there were thirty-one decisions of which nine were first time. Our morning worship service has been running in the eighties. A new record of 103 were present on a recent Sunday in Sunday school. We have been running sixteen in the teen-age group of young people and now have three quiz teams. Four of the ten families goal are coming regularly and we actually have fourteen families on our list of prospects.

JACKSON, MICHIGAN (Gilbert Hawkins, pastor). The new Grace Brethren Church of Jackson, Michigan, a Michigan District project, observed their first anniversary on Sunday, October 28, 1962. Rev. J. Ward Tressler, pastor at Lansing, Michigan and chairman of the Michigan District Mission Board, was the anniversary speaker.

HATBORO, PENNSYLVANIA (William A. Steffler, pastor). Open

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propagating the Bible message in some way. All of this is in line with the free moral agency of man.

The accomplishments of the past have been possible because of Christian teamwork among Brethren churches. More than this, *the scope and degree of success depend on the degree of teamwork.* About one-third of the membership of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches are members of the Brethren Home Mission Corporation. This means that during one year they gave $5 or more to Brethren home missions as members of a local Brethren church. What about the others? Do they sense any responsibility to support Brethren home missions? If not, why not? Are we doing what God desires and teaches through His Word? If we are, then each member of The Brethren Church has a responsibility to support Brethren home missions as God makes this possible.

The need for this support has never been more urgent. A deficit and in addition, multiplied opportunities to start new churches are pressing upon us.

Will we meet these challenges together?

house at the pastor's new home was observed on Sunday, October 21, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. The new address is 1248 June Road, Warminster, Pennsylvania.

TUCSON, ARIZONA (J. C. McKillen, pastor). The contractor is expecting to complete our new church by Thanksgiving, November 22, instead of December 15. We rejoice that the offerings for the last quarter were by far the best yet.

DENVER, COLORADO (Thomas Inman, pastor). The Lord blessed in a marvelous way during our "Countdown for Christ Crusade" with a total of eighteen decisions. Three of them were first time, four for baptism, and eleven for rededication. The average attendance was 102.

WINONA LAKE, INDIANA (Special). The Minute Man return on Westminster, California, is above the average, but not near the goal. Your letter is needed to help meet the needs of this home-mission church. Check on your letter to see if you have it, and then put a check in the envelope in case you have neglected to do it.

New Arrivals at Navajo Mission

On Saturday, October 20, 1962, David Thomas McClellan arrived at 3:00 p.m. to join his brothers and sisters whose parents are Rev. and Mrs. James McClellan. His father, James McClellan, is superintendent of the Navajo Mission and in addition to his family responsibility has the responsibility of the sixty Navajo boys and girls of the boarding school family.

A truck loaded with 1674 gallons of new vegetables and fruits arrived at the Navajo mission on October 3, 1962. The truck, driven by Mr. LeRoy Sharp, Jr., and accompanied by his wife, brought the cargo from Mabton, Washington, and it represented the labors of the Northwest district WMC organizations. This is the largest supply of food provided through this district project and represents many hours of labor in a "do it yourself" type of canning program. Other WMC groups have assisted financially in this project. The Brethren Home Missions Council and the Brethren Navajo Mission take this opportunity to express our appreciation to everyone who helped to make this project such a success. It will mean a savings of many dollars.

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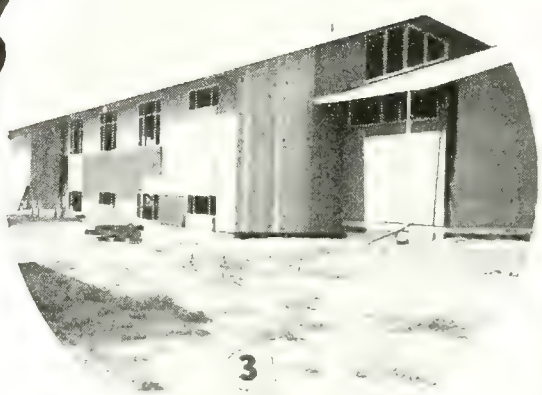
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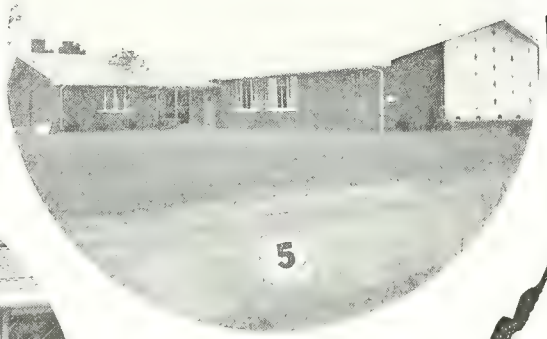


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Hagerstown, Maryland (Gay Street). 6. Rialto, California. 7. Los Altos, California.

ISRAEL CALLS!

"Bearing Precious Seed" ✡ ✡ ✡ ✡ ✡ ✡ By Miss Isobel Fraser

"He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him" (Ps. 126:6).

This October has been an important one religiously for our Jewish people. Rosh Hashana (New Year's) began Friday night, September 28, the beginning of the year 5723. Let me give you this note regarding this day from the Jewish calendar: "New Year's Day in Judaism is not at all an astronomical phenomenon, but primarily a day of spiritual significance. It is the day on which every Jew is called upon to take spiritual inventory of his own ways in keeping with God's will." The next ten days are serious days for the pious Jew and it concludes with Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement), which began this year on the eve of October 7. The Jewish calendar remarks regarding it: "It is set aside in the Bible as a fast day for the purpose of devoting the entire day to God and the establishment of His kingdom on earth. On this most sacred day, man must make reconciliation with God and his fellow man and must resolve to live more nobly as a child of God in the coming year." At this writing the Jewish people are in the midst of Sukkot (Feast of Tabernacles), an eight-day period, remembering their journey from Egypt to Palestine and of God's guidance and provision.

As the Jewish people participate in these religious observances it is always my prayer that, especially those to whom we have consistently ministered in these past years, will see the emptiness of these forms and that the Lord will recall to their minds His Word and the fulfillment in Christ Jesus. So, you can imagine my joy when coming out of the Post Office one morning, I met Mr. B who said he had found something in the Rosh Hashana liturgy that surprised him and that he would like to show me. I promised to come over one evening soon—and I did!

The Haf-torah (Old Testament Prophets) reading for the first day of Rosh Hashana in Samuel 1:1—2:20. In Hannah's prayer to God for a son, she promises that if He will grant her wish, he will be given to the Lord and no razor would come upon his head. There was a footnote which read: "In accordance with the Law of the Nazarite who is dedicated to the service of God." Mr. B had associated the word *Nazarite* with the word Nazarene and Nazareth. The Hebrew word from which this comes means to separate and the Hebrew word from which "Nazareth" comes means twig. This opened the way to show him some Old Testament Scriptures related to one called the Rod and the Branch: Isaiah 11, Jeremiah 23:5 and 6, Zechariah 3:8. The One spoken of here was also more than just a man. Then he showed me another phrase from another Jewish ritual book in which Messiah is spoken of in relationship to Jesse, the Bethlehemite, which again he associated with Jesus. Again I took him to Isaiah 11:1 and compared it with Isaiah 53. Before our discussion concluded we had also considered Zechariah 12, Ezekiel 29, and Daniel 12. He was visibly disturbed, and I am trusting the Lord to accomplish His purpose through the "bearing of the seed." Upon returning home I was doing some studying in David Baron's *Rays of Messiah's Glory* and was thrilled to find that my current reading dealth with Messiah the Branch. Now, with the Lord's help, I have more seed to sow.

On Yom Kippur night his wife called me on the phone. As we talked she mentioned how depressed she was. All she had heard in the services was about death. Of this she was quite aware, for she had lost two sisters by death in the past eight months. This Jewess has been quite open to the Scriptures, but the recognition of personal sin and need for His atonement is needed in her life. This gave me a wonderful opportunity to point out that the reason for her depression was that she had no assurance of forgiveness of sin. This was not just a fast day and a time of soul searching; there was need of a corban (sacrifice). Messiah Jesus is that sacrifice.

That same week I was informed by a Jewish friend that an in-law, also an acquaintance of mine, was ill; we planned to visit her. Upon contacting Miss S, she asked that I come alone as she wanted to talk to me spiritually and would not feel free with the other Jewess present. The Lord graciously answered prayer so that I was able to call alone without offending my friend. The Lord gave real liberty and so much "territory" was covered that I cannot recall most of the conversation. But one portion is quite vivid. Miss S said that she could see that many portions in the Old Testament did refer to Jesus, but she could not accept the virgin birth. Wasn't she limiting God, the Eternal, the Almighty? Then I reminded her that her existence was the result of a miracle birth and we had a discussion of Genesis 18. A phone call ended my visit. She had the Jewish Holy Scriptures that she received at her confirmation, but she accepted a copy of the New Testament before I left.

When I called upon Mrs. N, I was surprised to find her daughter present and was not too certain of my reception. The mother introduced me and told the daughter that I was the one of whom she had often spoken. I wanted her to go to heaven. The daughter replied that she thought her mother was good and would not need any help. As they invited me to stay, I replied that I thought her mother was a very sweet person and that I enjoyed talking with her; however, we all needed God's help. The daughter asked me if I were a Jehovah's Witness; she had been contacted by them recently. After I quickly set her straight, she wanted to know what was the difference between our beliefs. What better opening could I have! Again the Lord gave freedom in the presenting of various Scriptures. The daughter said that she was not religious but she graciously accepted what I had to say.

Join me in prayer that sheaves will come forth.

Meeting Preparation

By Edwin Raymond Anderson

"Prepare to meet thy God," cried the Prophet Amos of old to the people of his time, whether they would hear or not. To him was given the message, which if it were not popular and pleasant, surely it was vital and urgent. God was calling for the solemn accounting, and the people were far from ready. And in that respect they were not one whit different from the people of today. Even the form of godliness is fast becoming a fiction, and is looked upon as a fantasy by many. The "Amoses" of today have no easy task, for the people are no more disposed to listen and to heed than they were of former time. Yet it is the message that needs the sounding forth. It is the sharp word to be heralded forth, and it is the cutting word that needs to be fashioned to probe into that which has often been called "the deep wound of society."

This used to be a familiar text not so very long ago, and the "judgment preachers" made the most of it as they whetted it by earnest praying, and endued it with convicting power from on high. But that was the day when sophistication was only a word, and the simpler things of life yet carried an attraction. A good deal of our present-day progress has only become a snare, for the glamour of the secular has obscured the importance of things spiritual. Society has advanced so far that many things in the Word, such as "hell" and "judgment" and "sin," have been given an indefinite leave of absence.

And with the advancement there is a vacuum, for men have never been able to fashion anything of satisfaction to take the place of the clear and certain and vital things of the living Word of the living God. And at the risk of appearing hopelessly antiquated, I would venture the suggestion that many preachers and teachers would do well to "dig out" and "dust off" this old text from an old prophet, and send it flinging across the heedless highways of our day with that convicting power of the Holy Spirit, which is always promised for such ventures of faith. Let us but once again hear the ringing sound of that word of Amos: "Prepare to meet thy God." For after all, men are going to meet God, and for all of their vaunted twentieth-century progress they simply are not prepared for the meeting.

And as a first step, I would suggest that the preachers and teachers listen to that word of Amos for the good of their own souls! Perhaps we desperately need to "evangelize ourselves," and preach "sinners' texts" to sinning saints to awaken and arouse and alarm. We who hold the vessels of salvation need to refill ourselves, and to remind ourselves of those great Gospel truths which we are proclaiming to others. After all, we are to meet God as well as everyone else, and perhaps a good many preachers and teachers are not "ready" to meet Him!

This word of Amos carries the note of urgency for those who minister of the sacred things, and it is one of the missing notes in far too much of our programming and activities. The uncertainty of life and the certainty of eternity should be our personal concern as well at least to arouse from a good deal of the lethargy and sloth which has fallen upon us. And if we were really aroused by the fact of the uncertainty of life, if we were really awake to the dread fact that Christless souls may be called upon at *any moment* to meet the great judge, it would go a long way in revitalizing our ministry and service. As has been said: "We are to preach as dying men unto dying men." When preaching and teaching carries this undertone of urgency, it will carry the message far deeper into the hearts of the hearers. It bespeaks true compassion and care and concern.

The stewardship of our work is far too valuable and precious to be lost in sloth and in the petty taking up of the thousand and one trifles which mean nothing in the light of eternal consequence. Let us always be conscious of that word of the Lord, "Give account of thy stewardship," and lay it closely to heart.

In truth, the Gospel can only be preached with power when it is underscored with this note of urgency. Men and women are not only lost for eternity, they are lost here and now. And all too quickly, before we may be aware of it, that "here and now" may suddenly be snatched away before the gates of eternity. We subscribe to that doctrinally, but oh! as we stand before these Christless souls is our doctrine furrowed by the true agony of heart, by the true passion of mind, "not ceasing to warn with tears night and day"? If that appear emotional, it can only be called "the emotion of the impelling Spirit."

The prophet of old cried: "Prepare to meet thy God." It is a word of warning to those without Christ. But how shall they be properly warned unless it first comes as a word of exhortation to the ambassadors of the cross? In short, how far has doctrine really gone with us in the practical aspect. Do we really believe *enough* in that which we claim to believe? Belief must burn down into business. Doctrine must lead to determination!

NEWS

MEMBER EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION

NOTICE: The month of December will be a trial period for a proposed change in the *Brethren Missionary Herald* magazine. The Herald Company desires to obtain the reaction of its readers concerning a change to a bi-weekly. The new magazine will be larger and in color. The subscription price will remain the same, and the various boards of our Fellowship will retain the same number of pages in the Herald for their particular emphasis. The two-color issues will be dated December 8 and December 22. A self-addressed post card will be enclosed in the Dec. 22 issue so that you may voice your reaction to this proposed change.

LONG BEACH, CALIF. The North Long Beach Brethren Church, Dr. George Peek, pastor, reports 1904 people in Sunday school on Oct. 28.

RITTMAN, OHIO. The First Brethren Sunday-school attendance record was broken on Oct. 28, the final day of the Bill Smith Evangelistic Crusade, with 329 people in attendance. There were five first time decisions for Christ, seven rededications, and three decisions for full-time service during the evangelistic meetings. Charles Turner is pastor.

CLEVELAND, OHIO. Richard Jackson, Jr., formerly a member here at the First Brethren Church, was the guest speaker at both the morning and evening services on Nov. 4.

FORT WAYNE, IND. Dr. and Mrs. Harold Mason, Brethren medical missionaries on furlough from Central African Republic, announce the arrival of Sharon Marie born at the Lutheran Hospital here on Nov. 1.

NOTICE: Office secretary needed. The Brethren Youth Council is in need of a full-time office secretary with typing, bookkeeping and general office experience. Applications are now being taken. Write to Box 617, Winona Lake, Ind.

MANSFIELD, OHIO. A Bible and Missionary Conference was held at the Grace Brethren Church on Nov. 5-11. The missionary conference personalities were Dr. Lehman Strauss, the first white man to minister to the Auca Indians in Ecuador following the martyrdom of the five missionaries; Rev. Eugene Alger, missionary to the Jewish people in Eastern Europe; Rev. R. Arthur Mathews, midwest area secretary for the China Inland Mission, and some of our Brethren missionaries. R. Paul Miller, Jr., was host pastor.

SAN DIEGO, CALIF. The Grace Brethren Church dedicated their new Conn organ on Oct. 7. Mr. Leroy Snyder was guest organist for the concert on the evening of dedication. Mr. and Mrs. Steele have recently come into the church and are serving



the Lord with their talents. Mrs. Clara Steele is pictured at the console. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Schrock designated a large gift for the purpose of purchasing this beautiful organ. Henry Dalke is pastor.

LA VERNE, CALIF. Rev. Robert Hill, veteran missionary of thirteen years of service in our Africa mission field and now pastor of the Los Altos Brethren Church of Long Beach, Calif., was the guest speaker at the First Brethren Church on Oct. 21. Dr. Elias D. White is pastor.

ALBANY, OREG. The Northwest district held their fall Youth rally, Oct. 26-27 at the Grace Brethren Church. Approximately 80 young people attended, which represented eight of the district churches. The young people enjoyed a banquet featuring Earl Radmacher (Portland, Oreg.) as speaker. "Beyond These Skies," a new film produced by Seattle Youth for Christ, was shown. In the first of the district quiz playoffs, from Mark chapters 1 through 5, the Yakima team went undefeated. For recreation, a local bowling alley was rented for the exclusive use of the Northwest teen-agers. Nelson Hall was host pastor.

YAKIMA, WASH. Twenty-four young people and their sponsors from the Grace Brethren Church, Howard Mayes, pastor, attended a weekend retreat Oct. 5 and 6, at Camp Clear Lake. Neil Beery, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Portland, Oreg., was the special speaker.

ALTO, MICH. The fall Youth rally of the Michigan District churches was held at the Calvary Brethren Church on Oct. 26 and 27. There were 100 young people in attendance on Friday, and 103 on Saturday. Joe Dombek, chalk artist from Winona Lake was the special speaker. The Ozark Brethren Church took attendance honors with 18 young people present with a 360 percentage. C. A. Flowers was host pastor.

WOOSTER, OHIO. The winter edition, January-March, of "Daily Devotions" will be off the presses and ready for shipment about December 1. This earlier date of production has been scheduled to avoid the Christmas mailing rush. Order blanks have been forwarded to all churches listed in the latest Brethren Annual. These blanks should be returned prior to December 1.

"DAILY DEVOTIONS" was used by members of at least 150 Brethren congregations during the last quarter. The total number distributed of the fall issue, 1962, was over 5,100. This is another non-profit spiritual

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service of The First Brethren Church, Kenneth Ashman, pastor, to her own members, the members of the large radio listening audience in their area, and to the denomination at large. Complimentary copies are air mailed to all missionaries, so they can join in times of daily Bible reading and prayer. A sample copy will be sent to any pastor requesting the same. The address is "Daily Devotions," Box 1, Wooster, Ohio.

WHITTIER, CALIF. The Brethren elementary and junior high school, operated by the Community Brethren Church, sponsored their third annual Halloween Fair with over 500 people participating. Many families enjoyed their evening meal at the fair and then spent the remainder of the evening looking over the fascinating displays and watching costumed youngsters try their skills at the various booths. Ward Miller is pastor.

WATERLOO, IOWA. More than 30 young people and adults from the Grace Brethren Church, John Aeby, pastor, participated in the distribution of evangelistic invitation folders and Gospel booklets on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 28.

HAGERSTOWN, MD. The three Brethren churches of the Hagerstown area (Grace Brethren, Calvary Brethren, and Gay Street Brethren) are planning to jointly establish a half-hour Sunday morning radio broadcast to be known as the "Brethren Hour." This program will broadcast over WJEJ from 8:00 to 8:30 a.m. Tentative plans are that the program shall begin in November with the cooperating churches furnishing a combined radio choir and all three pastors to share in each broadcast. These same three churches are also planning a union evangelistic campaign with Evangelist Bob Collitt during Sept. 11 through 22, 1963.

SINGER HILL, PA. The Singer Hill Grace Brethren Church, Glenn Byers, pastor, reports two first-time decisions, 17 rededications, and an average attendance of 90 people during their October revival meetings with Rev. William Schaffer of Kittanning, Pa.

Additional news: Back Page

A BAPTIST publication that should strengthen your BRETHREN convictions!

A HISTORY OF IMMERSION

A BROADMAN HISTORICAL MONOGRAPH

By William L. Lumpkin

In a day of sagging convictions, here is a booklet that every member of The Brethren Church should read. This book is written and published by Southern Baptists to show through Christian history that immersion has ordinarily been recognized as the normal mode of baptism.

Notice carefully the unusual quotations used in this booklet: "Also, as early as the third century, the custom of *trine immersion* had appeared . . . Before the fifth century, *trine immersion* was the generally preferred practice. . . . *Trine immersion* was favored over single immersion by most church leaders by A.D. 400, but *trine immersion* was not the universal rule. Efforts were being made, of course, to claim *trine immersion* as apostolic practice. For the first time in Christian history, trine affusion was put on an equal footing with *trine immersion* at the Council of Ravenna in 1311 . . . The mode of baptism practice by the Brethren has ever been *trine forward immersion.*"

The author, in order to prove that immersion has been the recognized mode of baptism, resorts to the numerous references to trine immersion recorded in early Christian history. You may question why the Baptist writer does not refer back to quotations of single immersion in the pages of history to prove his case for immersion. The obvious answer is that single immersion was not the recognized mode of the Early Church, and therefore not recorded in the first pages of church history.

This book belongs on Brethren bookshelves. Here is a Baptist publication that should strengthen your Brethren convictions.

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HOW TO PERPETUATE THE REVIVAL

"And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers" (Acts 2:42). The words of this text can be appreciated only as one knows what went before and what followed.

The event which preceded was Pentecost. A mighty revival swept that first body of Christian believers. The Spirit of God descended: they were all filled with the Holy Ghost; Peter preached a magnificent sermon; and five thousand souls received Christ as Saviour, were baptized, and were added to the church.

Now, God doesn't operate like that every day. Of course we must recognize that some things happened at Pentecost which never will be repeated. Nevertheless, the same Holy Spirit who wrought mightily that day has moved mightily many times since and is still moving and operating among us today. There are many periods in every church when He does not seem to be operating. Yet sometimes we are overwhelmed by the way He does bless the saints and bring the lost ones in. As "Lord of the harvest," the Spirit may do as He pleases about this.

But, we know it is not the will of God for the church ever to descend into the times of defeat, sin, and discouragement to which we often come. Therefore we are asking: "Why do the blessed results of revival often seem to quickly pass away? Why, humanly speaking, does the blessing cease to flow? Is it necessary for a Josiah to be followed by a Jehoahaz and a Jehoiakim? a good Hezekiah by a wicked Ahaz and a worse Manasseh? Why can't revivals be the harbingers of even greater and increasing days of blessing, rather than the peak of power with God from which it seems we almost invariably descend? Why do not revivals grow and continue on? Why can't we conserve and perpetuate the revival?"

The answer is that we can, but we won't! More specifically, the reason revival dies is that the very tools, humanly speaking, which brought the revival are abandoned as soon as the blessing comes. The first church perpetuated its first great revival, and Acts 2:42 tells us how they did it.

In the first place, *they continued in the Spirit and power that brought the blessing.* This is the significance of the words: "And they continued stedfastly."

I have witnessed several genuine revivals, and in each case a great amount of steadfast continuance in a number of things was necessary to bring it about. There were weeks of steadfast prayer, there were many hours of practice on the part of dedicated musicians, there was the hard and protracted work of visiting, calling, and inviting. There were many hasty suppers and many stacked unwashed dishes, many hurried baths and ear-washings for the children—all to get the whole family to the meeting on time. All these things are evidence of faith, the kind of faith that God must see before He sends the blessing.

If all this is necessary to bring revival, doesn't it stand to reason that some of it is necessary to perpetuate revival?

A stalled church is like a stalled automobile. It takes a lot of pushing, priming, coaxing, and even repair to get it moving again. The gasoline lines must be clean, and the ignition circuit must be complete. But, once in operation the car keeps moving only if the operation of the parts continues. Take the foot off the accelerator or cut the ignition and the automobile is stalled again.

To put the matter concisely: there is nothing necessary to bring about a real revival that is not necessary to perpetuate it. In fact, it requires more to perpetuate the blessings of revival than to bring it in the first place. The rest of the verse explains just what those things are.

The church must continue to hear and believe the kind of preaching God used to bring revival. "And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine."

I take it that the word "they" includes not only the 120 original believers, but also the 5,000 who were added to the church. There is nothing so important to the culture of Christian character in the new convert as continued hearing of the message which saved him. There is nothing so necessary to the church's growth in character and in number as continued preaching of apostolic doctrine and continued listening to the same.

Of course, "the apostles' doctrine" was sound. It was true to the "faith once for all delivered." But that is not the point of emphasis. The point of emphasis is that the church continued to hear it. They came to the house of God where it was being preached.

Here is a great mystery. Church people will turn out in droves to hear some well-advertised visiting evangelist who may not have a better sermon or a better message than the pastor who speaks every Sunday. Yet they will not come to hear the pastor after the evangelist has moved on. Many a pastor has become discouraged and heartsick, and consequently not as strong in the pulpit as he should be, simply because his people would rather hear a stranger than the man who God has sent to be a spiritual father to them.

We must get behind the teaching and preaching ministry of every department of the church. We must take part. This is necessary to learn the answer to doubting questions, to learn the standards of Christian life, to become acquainted with the practices of the church, to learn how to observe the ordinances and why, and to gain the strength needed to face temptation successfully.

The church will find it necessary to feed continually and steadfastly upon the "Bread of Life" if it is to perpetuate the revival.

To perpetuate a revival *the church must continue steadfastly in mutual fellowship.* "And they continued stedfastly in . . . fellowship."

The Greek makes something clear about this that is not clear in the English. The "fellowship" is not specifically with the apostles. The literal and exact rendering is "in the doctrine of the apostles and in the fellowship." The learned Dr. Heinrich Meyer said that this "fellowship" was the "mutual brotherly association which they sought to maintain with one another."

It is significant that Christianity alone provides a mutual fellowship for all its members as a regular and unvarying part of its program. The Early Church sang hymns in unison, they prayed together, they wept, and died together. The church was a mutual association and still is.

Occasionally one meets a person who feels that the place of fellowship does not figure largely in church life. Invariably such a man is out of step with the current of thought in his church, he will find himself in disagreement with most of his brethren on important things, he will find that he is losing out in the life of his church. It is a sad fact that a false sense of duty or an exalted sense of importance sometimes leads men and women who the church has exalted to high office to "forsake the assembling" of themselves together. I have known men who seldom came to service unless they had some important part in them. In every case spiritual life was ebbing out.

If this is true even of saints who have grown much in grace, how much more it must be true of the new convert. The Early Church experienced continued growth because the 5,000 new converts continued in "the fellowship." Pastors and leaders must use every means at hand to see that babes in Christ are kept in constant fellowship with the people of the

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church, and in all its meetings where fellowship is provided. This fellowship was important in the Early Church according to the next verse (Acts 2:44): "All that believed were together."

I verily believe if delegates to our church conferences could be "together" in "the fellowship" (say four days of Bible conference, eating, and playing, and praying "together" at the first) then we might get all our business done without differences in a very short time. If we are "too busy" for fellowship, then we are indeed "too busy."

Observe also that *regular observance of the ordinances of the church helped to perpetuate the revival.* "And they continued stedfastly . . . in the breaking of bread."

This can refer to nothing except the "Love Feast" and the "Eucharist."

These ordinances were intended primarily as acts of worship whereby we would "show forth the Lord's death till he come." The importance of their observance is set forth in I Corinthians 11:23 to 30.

Yet how neglectful we often are of these and the ordinances of baptism. We often neglect the baptism of converts for months. Christians think nothing of missing the communion service.

This text and context clearly teach us that these ordinances were intended as practical aids to Christian living, as well as for the praise of God. Here is one tool for the perpetuation of revival we dare not neglect—continued, steadfast observance of the church ordinances.

Finally, we are told that *the first church perpetuated the revival by continuing in the prayer that God used to bring it.* "And they continued stedfastly . . . in prayers."

This statement bears an obvious relationship to Acts 1:14 where we read that "These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren."

Listen! The Early Church experienced revival because every department of the church was in prayer. The church leaders were there; that is, the twelve apostles of Acts 1:13. We have trouble getting the deacons out! The Lord's family was there, and the women were there. It is evident that it was not a women's meeting, for they are mentioned in such a way as to make it almost certain that they were in the minority.

The Early Church continued to experience revival because they continued in the same kind of prayer! "They continued stedfastly . . . in prayers."

What were the results of this steadfastness in hearing doctrine, mutual fellowship, observance of the ordinances, and prayer? See what follows. Acts 2:43 tells of how well the Christians got along "together." Verse 46 tells what joy they had, for "they . . . did eat their meat with gladness." And verse 47 tells how the revival was perpetuated: "And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved."

How often should I go to church? As often as the church door is open! Here is a "blueprint" for perpetuating the revival. Continue "stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine, and in the fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers."



DATELINE



FORT WAYNE, IND. The Grace Brethren Church set another all-time high in attendance with 123 in Sunday school on Oct. 28. Glen Crabb is pastor.

FREMONT, OHIO. Dr. Orville Jobson, retired Brethren missionary statesman to Africa, spoke to the men's group of Grace Brethren Church on Nov. 8. Thomas Hammers is pastor.

DAYTON, OHIO. Nathan Casement, pastor of the Patterson Park Brethren Church, reports that there were 248 present in Sunday school, 277 in the morning worship service, and 200 in the evening service on Oct. 28. Brother Casement spoke in the chapel at Bryan College, Dayton, Tenn. on Nov. 6.

AKRON, OHIO. The Fairlawn Brethren Church held a reception for their new pastor, Vernon J. Harris, and his family, following the morning worship service on Oct. 7. A tableful of canned goods and other food was presented. Refreshments were served. On prayer meeting night, the laymen of the church presented an FM radio to the pastor.

LONG BEACH, CALIF. Miss Mie Lin Leung from Hong Kong has been added to the fifth grade teaching staff of the Brethren Elementary School which is operated by the First Brethren Church, Charles Mayes, pastor.

WINCHESTER, VA. The First Brethren Church, Paul Dick, pastor, announces that the Sunday-school attendance of 359 on Oct. 21 is the highest attendance ever for a regular Sunday in the history of the church.

UNIONTOWN, PA. Homecoming services were celebrated at the First Brethren Church on Oct. 28 with Warren Shelley, pastor of the Pennsville Baptist Church, as guest speaker. True Hunt is pastor.

WINONA LAKE, IND. A reception was held for the new pastor, Rev. Charles Ashman, Jr., and his family by the Winona Lake Brethren Church on Friday, Nov. 2. A carry-in dinner, a hilarious courtroom skit, a food shower, and a devotional message by Dr. Homer Kent, Jr., rounded out the evening's festivities. In conjunction with the reception, the church gave a gift to Prof. Donald Ogden and to Dr. James Boyer in appreciation for their pastoral services during the eleven-month interim period.

WEDDING BELLS

Announcements in this column are published when sent in by a pastor.

Sylvia Lunn and Osmond Christensen, Oct. 7, at the First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Mary Ann Britenbucher and Jerry Meng, Oct. 27, Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio.

Carolyn Elizabeth Belvin and James Albert Golla, Jr., Oct. 20, at the Third Brethren Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

Cheryl Rae Waarvick and Richard Leon Stach, Oct. 21, at the Harrah Brethren Church, Harrah, Wash.

ENDS EARTHLY PILGRIMAGE

Notices of death appearing in this column must be sumbitted in writing by a pastor.

GILBERT, Mrs. Beryl, aged 77, went to be with the Lord on Oct. 29. She was the widow of Brook Gilbert who preceded her in death four years ago, and mother of Professor Ralph Gilbert of Grace College. About 50 years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert became members of the First Brethren Church of Washington, D. C., while the church was still a mission point.

—W. A. Ogden, pastor

MEYERSDALE, PA.

In the meetings held at the Meyersdale Brethren Church, Sept. 24 through 30, with Rev. Bob Collitt, the average attendance was 130. The highest attendance was 191, and the lowest was 91. There were two decisions for salvation, eight for rededication, and two for church membership. The love gift amounted to $323.06, which was sent into the Board of Evangelism.

—William Snell, pastor

DENVER, COLO.

7 6 5 4 3 2 1! It was a thrilling "COUNTDOWN FOR CHRIST" Crusade with Pastor Richard DeArmey of Inglewood, Calif., and as we "counted down" each service, there were 46 folk who were present for *all* seven services! The average per service was 102! Besides the many "private" decisions, there were 18 public decisions.

The revival was on *before* the services began, for our folk had been praying for friends and family—by name—for many weeks and much calling had been done to win the "individual" person for whom each one was burdened.

These past few weeks including the crusade have resulted in revival ("new life") in our midst, decisions for Christ and 12 individuals awaiting baptism!

—Thomas Inman, pastor

GOSHEN, IND.

The Curt Emmons Crusaders closed a campaign here at Grace Brethren Church on Oct. 21. They were here just eight days. Their daughter, Ethelee, joined them here and was a tremendous addition to the work. They use all manner of instruments and in a fine way.

This was the best attended of any meeting so far. There were over 40 decisions during the meetings. A number of young couples will now likely become members of the church.

—R. Paul Miller, Sr., pastor

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EDITORIALS

By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, *President*

The Present Crisis

In surcharged suspense the population of the United States has waited out the hours of the present crisis. Along with the United States the informed population of the world has joined in these moments of breathless excitement. Two great powers of the world over a period of twenty years have been moving closer to conflict. At last the ruthless power of the North has moved into a strategic striking position and the more tolerant power has been forced to draw the line for safety, not only for its own citizens, but for the inhabitants of the entire world.

As this paragraph is being written the suspense has eased, but the situation has not changed. The joining of battle, shrieking terror from the skies, radiating destruction for millions have only been delayed to give the forces of the enemy a longer time to angle for position to strike at the strategic movement. There is little doubt that these nations are weighing carefully the possibilities for survival based upon the advantages of time, position, superior striking power, preparation. This has been true in all the centuries of the past, and it is very unlikely that men will change their pattern of thinking.

There is one aspect of the present crisis that looms larger than any approaching crisis of the past. At last men have in their hands a force that dwarfs in destructiveness any weapon of war men have ever been able to devise. Aggressor or attacked will inevitably suffer such far reaching effects that recovery is almost out of mind. It is survival with which men are concerned. It is this one fact that gives pause to men in authority. But let it not be forgotten, enemies will not be restrained forever from unleashing the forces at their command. Hatred and greed for power will at last force the aggressor into a miscalculation, he will attack, and the war will be on.

Two world wars within the lifetime of many of us should be sufficient to enable us to draw the correct conclusion. Delaying tactics will not change the arrangement of things; it will only prolong the period of waiting. But some unforeseen movement of events bearing on the situation will inevitably trigger the opening of hostilities. In view of the imminence of wholesale destruction, this is the time to make every possible human provision for survival.

COVER PHOTO—EDUCATIONAL ISSUE

Through the window of the Prayer Room in McClain Hall, Grace Seminary, "Old Glory" can be seen waving. This picture was taken at the time the Cuban crisis was so critical. In such an hour we are reminded to thank God for the privileges we have under the "Stars and Stripes."

The Divine and Human

Prophets of doom are not welcome in any society. This was true in Israel. Over and over again the prophets predicted the coming of judgment and the people rejected them, imprisoned them, and killed them. But the stopping of their mouths, the rejection of their message did not change the fact to which they witnessed. Judgment finally fell and Israel with her people were destroyed and carried away captive.

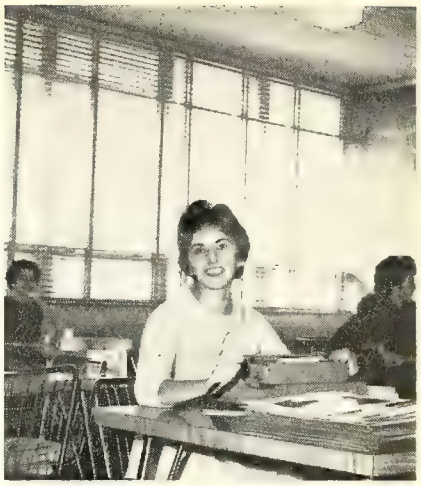
From the days of Hiroshima and Nagasaki to the present, in spite of growing realization of the increasing destructiveness of atomic power and the approaching peril of war with Russia, there has been an amazing apathy toward preparation. Almost two years ago Civil Defense authorities were fostering a movement for preparedness. Then it disappeared from the scene and almost all of us lapsed back into the regular routine with little concern for necessary provision for survival. Then, when our minds were engrossed with other events of the times, we were suddenly made aware that the crisis is here and we are unprepared. It is due only to the providence of God that we are enjoying life and health today.

Earnest Christians will be apt to argue that they are trusting the Lord. This is commendable. But this is not enough. Good students of the Bible know that there is a remarkable harmony between divine intervention and human responsibility. They know that the Bible teaches that God wills the end, this end we always hope to be survival. But they also know that God wills the means to the end, and that means is often the exercise of human responsibility. It is therefore proper for God's people to trust Him, and to do what lies within their power that God's will may be accomplished.

Is there not a most remarkable parallel between the imminent peril of the present crisis and the return of the Lord Jesus Christ? Now is the day of salvation. Now is the time to prepare for the present crisis. Now is the time to prepare for the coming of the Lord. Now is the time for sinners to seek refuge in Christ. Now is the time for the saints to discharge their responsibilities to the Lord. Now is the time to buy up every opportunity to do good. Tomorrow may be forever too late. The atomic blast may come tonight. Or better than that, the Lord may come. But in either event, now is the time to act. Now is the time for us to go with the message of salvation, to give for the work of the Lord, to do good to all men, especially them that believe.

"I Just Love It Here"

By Lenora Humberd



Lenora Humberd is a freshman in Grace College, and is the daughter of Jesse Humberd, professor of science and mathematics. On "High School Day" she was busy at the registration desk.

It hardly seems possible that already six weeks of college life have come and gone—but they really have! Our dorm is all fixed up the way we want it. Even after six weeks I sometimes have to stop and convince myself that I really am a college freshman. It just doesn't seem possible! For some reason the idea of being in college frightens me at times, and then at other times it's a delightful thought. I've been trying to figure out just why this is.

In high school I attended several speech conferences and went to enough slumber parties to know that I could meet and get along with people. There were fourteen of us girls in high school that ran around together, and at times the temptation to gang up on one or two of them was pretty bad. Fourteen girls mean fourteen ideas about how to do a certain thing, or how to get to a certain place, or what to wear when we did go! This experience prepared me for the task of holding my temper a little better in the dorm. So I do not believe that living with a whole lot of girls or having a roommate is what mystifies me.

In my senior year in high school, I was a member of the Future Homemakers of America, choir, the National Forensic League, Youth for Christ, Future Teachers of America, and Ex Libris (an honor society for girls). I held an office in each of the above organizations except Future Teachers and Ex Libris. Besides that I was feature writer for our school newspaper and literary editor for our yearbook. In January of this past year I prepared an oration for an American Legion Speech Contest and won a scholarship for it. Getting it rehearsed so that I could give it properly took many hours of extra work with the teacher. Sometimes I wouldn't get home from school until eleven o'clock at night. So I really don't think the abundance of extra-curricular activities is what makes college life appear different from anything else I've been acquainted with before.

I am preparing to be an elementary schoolteacher. When I was about eight years old, I organized a club for the girls in our neighborhood. At the meetings we sang songs, read stories, and played games. I believe it was then that I first thought I'd like to be a teacher when I grew up. That along with the encouragement of my parents, and the respect and admiration I've had for most of my teachers has helped me to decide that a teacher is what I want to be.

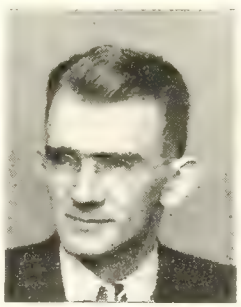
This brings me to my reason for coming to Grace. For a long time I was against the idea; a large state school was the place for me. I wanted to be free of regulations and "try my wings." My parents, of course, heartily disapproved. Finally we compromised. If I went to Grace two years and then I still wanted to go to a large state school, I could, but only after two years at Grace. One evening while I was still feeling sorry for myself because of my "cruel" parents, an encyclopedia salesman came to the door. He had been a college professor at one time and was now selling all the greatest works of men throughout history. He said that people who were looking for answers to their problems used his books all the time. At that point the subject of the Bible was brought up. He asked me a question from the Book of Job. Confidently I gave him my answer, only to have him tear the whole thing apart and give his answer. The way he argued his points I found myself wondering if I was right after all. At that time my dad stepped in and that was that! But after he left and we had looked up the answer in the Book of Job (I *was* right), I realized I wasn't spiritually ready for tests such as that one. And that was what I had been asking for when I had wanted to go to a large secular school. All at once my parents didn't seem so cruel after all, and Grace College didn't seem such a bad place either. My application for Grace was obtained and filled out. I really began getting excited about going to Grace.

I think I'm beginning to know why I have that feeling about college. When I think of dorm life, the extra-curricular activities, the friends I've already made, and the whole atmosphere at Grace, I'm thrilled.

When I stop to think of the long nights of studying that awaits me, of the examinations I've heard so much about, or of the change from schoolgirl to career woman that I'm supposed to make in the next four years, butterflies do begin to fly. When I think that the attitudes and habits I form here will be carried on into my later life, when I realize the final steps of preparing for my part in society are being taken, or when I think that the person with whom I'm to spend the rest of my life might be right here at Grace, my knees do knock a little. But this delightfully frightening feeling is one I shall never forget. It means I'm actually growing up.

Going to college is not merely carrying books around, living on a college campus, eating in a dining room with a group of new students, participating in extra-curricular activities, or even just studying. It's a mixture of all of these things, and at a Christian college it's even better. I don't believe I'd trade places with anyone else in the world right now—I just love it here!

CAST THY BURDEN UPON THE LORD



BY DEAN WALTER

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Several months ago, I attended the national meeting of the American Chemical Society in New York City. There I mingled with 13,513 other chemists and tried to sort from the several thousand subjects discussed, those things which would be of greatest value to me and the laboratory in which I work. Some of the sessions were most rewarding and others afforded me excellent opportunities to catch up on my sleep. Some of the subjects went back as far as 3500 years B.C. to the discovery of pieces of laboratory equipment in Mesopotamia. Others looked forward to a time, not far away, when we could buy our tires to match the color scheme of our automobiles—and these would be tires that would run for 100,000 miles. Many of these scientific discussions were beyond my grasp because they were out of my field of specialization, but I, like everyone else can appreciate the tremendous value of all of these advances as they are translated into the practical, everyday advantages for twentieth century living.

All of us are familiar with the slogan of one of America's greatest industries: "Better things for better living, through chemistry." This is the foundational philosophy behind the greater part of America's advances. There is always a market for a better product. There is always a buyer for a newer gadget—even though it be something so humble as a better mousetrap. The high standard of living in America extends all the way from men to mice. The field of medicine has become so flooded with exciting new drugs that it is almost a pleasure to get sick. When the homeless, displaced, and persecuted peoples of the world crowd to the shores of America, they say in amazement that America has everything. At first glance, we must agree that, indeed, there isn't much left to ask for. Have you noticed that none of the recent popular songs have had any starry-eyed lovers asking for the moon? That is because we can go and get the moon, if we really decide that it's worth going after.

Modern science has lifted the burdens off the backs of our people; it has given us more leisure; it has broadened our pleasures; it has taught us how to harness the forces about us and make them do our work.

Now, I suppose, you are expecting me to say that this is all wrong, and that science is going to be the end of us yet, or that all of our scientists should close shop for awhile and let the rest of the world catch up. But I am going to prescribe no such thing. I certainly would not recommend that mother go back to the old-fashioned scrubboard to do the family wash, or that our children be forced to fight for their lives against some of the old remedies which made for a stronger generation by killing off the less astute. I do not want to see Dad return to the scythe and the flail at harvesttime or to the flickering kersosene lamp at eventime. I believe in directing the physical sciences for the lifting of our physical burdens. This is altogether fitting and proper and righteous.

But I would like to call attention to something that frequently is not grasped, and that is that the physical sciences have definite limitations. They operate only within the realm of the physical. There was no one at the chemical society meeting who talked about binding up the wounds of the spirit with a chemical chain reaction. No one ventured to suggest that he had synthesized a serum to satisfy the soul's deep need. No one worked on a wonder drug for the worried. No one claimed that chemistry could cleanse the conscience. This is out of the field of chemistry and the sciences. But it is not outside the realm of human experience. All of these burdens are common to man.

For every burden that a man must lift with his hands there is another burden for his heart. For every foe that man must face with his body there is another that wars within his bosom. For every pleasure that soothes the senses, there is a pain that stabs at the tender sinews of his soul, Man's burdens are not all borne by his body; the heaviest are often heaped high upon his heart. Science can help lift the one, but it can do nothing to ease the other.

We must look elsewhere. And people are looking. People are looking everywhere. They are looking for peace of mind. They are looking for a way out of worry. They are looking for something that will take the sting out of life, the pain out of unrequited love, the fear out of tomorrow, and the burden out of today. As I walk down the streets and look at the people hurrying hither and yon, they seem so tense and under such strain that I often fear that the toot of an automobile horn will cause them to shatter like a piece of delicate crystal and fall into the dust of the street. This disturbs me greatly. But the thing that disturbs me most is that many times I feel like flying apart myself. These things should not be. We were not meant to be the victims of our own devises. We were meant to be God's highest creation, for man was created in the image of the Almighty.

Now this is all very good. Everyone knows that we should not get so excited, nurture ulcers, and cultivate cerebral uncertainties. It is easy to decide what we ought to do, but doing it is something else again. Shakespeare said: "If to do were as easy as to know what t'were well to do, Chapels had been churches and poor man's cottages, princes palaces." We need, then, not only the knowledge of what to do, but also the pattern to plan it and the power to perform it.

May I suggest the only remedy that I have found effective? I would like to tell you the only thing that really works with me. It is no three-day cure. It is not four-easy steps dreamed up by my psychologist friends. It is the cure that God himself has provided for us and which was expressed in Holy Writ so eloquently and simply by the psalmist, "Cast thy burden upon the Lord," he wrote, "and he shall sustain thee." Cast thy burden upon the Lord!

"Oh, now" someone will gasp, "is that all you were leading up to, to tell us some pious platitude that we already know." And I must answer, yes; this is what I have been leading up to. Casting our burdens upon the Lord is something well worth leading up to. You already know that if you cast your burden anywhere else, it will fall right back on top of you again. No one else wants your burden. If you even stop to talk about your burdens, the other person always says you are lucky, and that you would learn what trouble is if you had his. The Lord is the only one who ever really invited us to roll our troubles on Him. He is the only one who ever said: "Cast all of your cares upon me, for I care for you."

Perhaps you have heard these truths before. Perhaps you have thought about them, but have you ever tried them? That is the real test. Here we have a plain and forthright invitation to try something. It simply reads: "Cast thy burden upon the Lord." And a promise follows. It reads: "And he shall sustain thee."

Many of our difficulties arise from the fact that we do not properly diagnose our burdens and troubles. We often think that we wouldn't have troubles if our neighbors were better people. Our lives would be all sunshine, if our children weren't so cantankerous. We feel that the boss is to blame, or the political party in power is wrecking our lives, or the high cost of living is driving us to distraction—always something or somebody else—never ourselves. Isn't it conceivable that we ourselves might just possibly be sinners too? Wouldn't this be a better place to begin—with ourselves? The Good Book tells us that "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." And that if we say that we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. It is the burden of sin that we must get rid of first; however, before this can take place, we must admit that we have such a burden. We must recognize the burden before we can cast it upon the Lord.

It was for the purpose of bearing our burden of sin that Christ came into this world. The Prophet Isaiah, looking down through the years saw Him and wrote: "He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him." And he continues: "Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows." That is not all, "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way: and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."

Christ Jesus laid His back bare that He might carry our burdens. For His was the only back strong enough to carry them all. When He died upon the cross, He stretched His long arms of love out to pull upon himself the burdens of all mankind. It was our burdens and sins that pressed Him tight against the old rugged cross and squeezed the rich red blood from His veins. It was our infirmities and weaknesses that slashed at His heart and dug the pits in His brow.

If our sins could do that to the Son of God himself, what will they do to us if we insist on carrying them around ourselves. Christ said on the way to the cross, if this is happening to the green branch, what will happen to the dry? If sin could so tear away at the only really good man who ever lived, what will happen when it has done its worst in us poor creatures of the dust?

The word rings out again, and this time with renewed urgency: "Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee."

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A CONTINUING CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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The best students of any school never really graduate. The total success of a school is not measured in the number of facts which its students have memorized, nor in the academic achievements during the formal period of education. Rather it is the longrange qualities which are to be sought; the attitudes and appreciations, which along with the skills and facts are the work of the school.

This is certainly no less true of a Christian school than it is of a secular one. A Christian education worthy of its name will not only provide the ordinary materials of instruction, but will also covet a universal knowledge of the truth. It will not be satisfied with any thing less than the development of individuals who have a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ, and whose motives and plans are continually subjected to Him.

In stressing more and more education for the Christian, one is not putting a premium on degrees or formal schooling, nor would one deny that God has moved in wondrous ways through many poorly educated men. However, one must not forget either that when God wished to record His Word, He included Moses and Paul. And when He wished to preserve that Word, and provide it for the common man in his own language, He chose a Tyndale and a Luther. Much of the work of the Christian world today must be accomplished by educated people.

Everyone naturally expects his children in elementary school to sit in classrooms under teachers who are competent and well-educated. Each in turn will be facing many who have a concern about educational and cultural awareness.

A Christian worker will not offend many people if he speaks and writes good English; few will find fault if he can balance his budget and move from one community to another debt-free; and not many will object if he is able to meet and converse intelligently with doctors, scientists, engineers, and bank presidents.

There have been in our history, and may be still in some circles, the feeling that justification by faith is a justification of ignorance. Carried to an extreme, this has meant that a preacher looks to the Holy Spirit to supply the words after he enters the pulpit. This not only excuses one from proper preparaton, but it was supposed to confuse Satan in that he didn't know ahead of time what one would say, and therefore could not think up a rebuttal. But certainly, one does not disparage the immediacy of much of the work of the Holy Spirit in the ministry of any Christian.

Perhaps one believes that Christianity has nothing to fear from non-Christian theories, and that therefore he does not need to explore the contemporary false alternatives. And perhaps in evangelism, the preacher can ignore objections which do not disturb his hearers. It is true that the Holy Spirit can convict and regenerate the penitent sinner with a simple Gospel presentation.

But for the educated Christian who is engaged in the business of preserving and reinforcing truth, and for the teacher in the classroom, or the preacher in the pulpit, more seems desirable. If one is fearful that any such study would lead to certain collaboration or cooperation with the enemy, and further to certain defeat, his position is weak indeed.

When Jesus said, "Man shall not live by bread alone," He added, "but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." God has spoken through all the areas of creation, as well as through the written Word. It is God's desire that man shall investigate and understand His revelation in all of these areas.

The chief attribute of education in a Christian school is not its compulsory chapels, nor in the fact that all classes begin with prayer, nor in any added-on spiritual over-comments on secular textbooks. It is that in every classroom one expects to sense that "the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead" (Rom. 1:20).

To the casual observer of an occasional class, the work in English, geography, biology, or any other of a dozen subjects might appear the same in a Christian school as it would in a secular school. What then is the difference, for example, in biology, in the two environments? Not the facts of biology; not the mathematical formulae; not the careful organization of the different kinds of plant and animal life which has enabled the farmers to improve their crops and livestock, and enabled the engineers to locate petroleum and minerals. The difference occurs in the first chapter of the book, and in the conclusions which sum up the philosophy of the author. The careful intent of the author so many times is to lend credence to a mechanistic, evolutionary theory as a unifying thread throughout the entire course.

Would it be possible for an evangelical Christian to write a biology textbook which would be acceptable in the secular scientific world? Probably not. But, would it be possible for such an one to write a biology textbook which would be scientifically sound, and at the same time

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Nourished in the Words

NEW TESTAMENT WORD STUDIES—25



By Homer A. Kent, Jr., Th.D.

COVENANT

One of the important Biblical terms in which the distinctives of the original language are significant is the word "covenant." The concept is frequent in the Old Testament, descriptive of agreements between men (e.g. I Sam. 23:18), and between God and man (Gen. 17:2). The New Testament word for "covenant," appearing thirty-three times, is the Greek term *diatheke* (this is the one used in the Greek translation of the Old Testament also).

An interesting problem arises at this point. Why is it that the Greek term employed is *diatheke* rather than *suntheke*, since the latter is the usual term for agreement between persons? The noted Greek scholar William Barclay states the question in these terms: "The normal Greek word for a covenant between two people is *suntheke*, which is the word everywhere used for a marriage covenant, or an agreement between persons or states. In all normal Greek in all ages *diatheke* means, not a 'covenant' but a 'will'. . . . In a papyrus a testator leaves houses and gardens in accordance with the dispositions *(diathekas)* in the temple of Aphrodite, with Eunomides the governor, and with Ctesiphon the lawyer. Why should the NT never use *suntheke* and always *diatheke?" (A New Testament Wordbook,* p. 31.)

The answer to this problem appears to lie in the distinction between the terms and in the conception of the writers and translators of the Bible. The ordinary Greek term for "contract" (i.e. *suntheke)* implied an agreement made between two contracting parties on equal terms, but the vast majority of references to "covenant" in the New Testament had to do with relationships between God and men. And since these are not entered into on equal terms, but rather are initiated by God alone, they chose the word "will" or "testament" *(diatheke).* It should be noted that classical authors like Aristophanes use the latter term of a covenant when one of the two parties had an overwhelming superiority over the other and could dictate his own terms (G. L. Archer, *Baker's Dictionary of Theology,* p. 144).

Our difficulty in English translation comes because our distinction in terms is not exactly the same. To us, a "will" or "testament" is a unilateral document which makes bequests to the heirs when the testator dies. A "covenant," however, is a mutual agreement between two free and equal parties, each of whom could have contributed to making the compact. We are accustomed to speak of "The New Testament"; yet usually the word itself is translated "covenant" in our English Bibles. What we need is to enlarge our concept of "testament" in the Biblical context so that it will convey the idea of a "testamentary covenant"—an agreement which emanates from God and which man can accept or reject but cannot contribute to its making nor alter in any way.

Actually, there is only one New Testament passage in which the usual English idea of "testament" is clearly indicated. That is Hebrews 9:15-17, where Christ's death is said to be necessary in order for the provisions of the inheritance to become available. In all other New Testament uses, the idea of "covenant" is prominent, but with the connotation that it is a unilateral enactment, a relationship established by God in His grace, and made available to those who will by faith accept it.

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acceptable to the Christian education world? Certainly this must be so, for this is indeed what every Christian biology teacher attempts to do every time he teaches the course. The curriculum may be taken in large part from a printed textbook, but that philosophy which introduces, permeates, and concludes the course is supplied by the teacher. His pupils should not only acquire a good strong education in science, but a strengthening of his belief in God as the Creator, and supplier of all good things.

This then is a continuing Christian education. It is one which does not cease when the years of formal education have ended, but which glorifies God in every activity of life both in the classroom and out.

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Berne	114.64	11.00
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Flora	15.00	
Goshen	63.00	
Leesburg	14.16	13.97
Peru		17.00
Sidney	43.00	30.00
South Bend	44.00	6.00
Warsaw	67.75	
Wheaton, Ill.	46.41	
Winona Lake	619.80	262.40
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Leon	6.00	
Waterloo	72.75	69.54
Winona, Minn.	5.00	
Michigan		
Alto		10.00
Berrien Springs	10.10	
New Troy	38.50	
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Hagerstown, Md. (Grace)	2.00	
Martinsburg, W. Va.		30.00
Washington, D. C. (Grace)	32.50	
Winchester, Va.	20.00	11.60
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Modesto, Calif.	87.25	
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Harrisburg, Pa.	59.25	50.00
Lancaster, Pa.	14.00	
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Rittman	30.50	50.00
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Harrah, Wash.	32.83	
Seattle, Wash.	20.77	
Toppenish, Wash.	5.00	
Southeast		
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Southern California and Arizona		
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Fillmore, Calif.	7.50	
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College & Seminary Student Body		49.46
Totals		541.46

THE BIG NEWS

MEMBER EPA EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION

FINDLAY, OHIO. The Eleventh Anniversary of the organization of the Findlay Brethren Church was observed Nov. 4 with the Heralds of Grace as guest musicians and Rev. Arnold Kriegbaum as speaker.

Terry White presided at the Rhapsody Conn Organ console that was dedicated unto the Lord. Gerald W. Teeter, pastor.

NOTICE: Pastors, Sunday-school superintendents, and secretaries are urged to mail their Sunday-school literature orders in at once. Material for the January-March quarter must be shipped earlier than usual in order to avoid the Christmas rush. Your orders will receive prompt and efficient service when you mail them to the *Missionary Herald.*

SOUTH BEND, IND. The Indiana Youth rally will be held at the Ireland Road Brethren Church during Nov. 30—Dec. 1. Richard Sellers, pastor of the Community Grace Brethren Church, Warsaw, Ind., will be the special speaker. Gene Witzky, the host pastor, is expecting about 100 teen-agers to attend.

LONG BEACH, CALIF. Rudy Atwood, pianist for the Old Fashioned Revival Hour with Dr. Charles E. Fuller, played a dedication concert on the new piano in the Paramount Brethren High School auditorium on Nov. 6. This high school is operated by the First Brethren Church, Dr. Charles Mayes, pastor. The piano, a Baldwin, seven foot concert grand, was purchased by the music department of the school.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Rev. and Mrs. Wendell Kent, 3879 Wilmont Ave., N.W., Roanoke, Va. Rev. and Mrs. Robert McCormick, 11502 La Serna Drive, Whittier, Calif.

WASHINGTON, D. C. Capital Teen Convention, sponsored by Youth for Christ International, will be held here Dec. 27-29 with the main sessions in the National Guard Armory. Speakers will be Evangelist Billy Graham, Representative Walter Judd of Minnesota, Bobby Richardson of the New York Yankees, Bill Glass of the Cleveland Browns professional football team, and Dr. Ted Engstrom.

WATERLOO, IOWA. Mel Johnson, vice president of Youth for Christ International, was guest speaker at Grace Brethren Church, John Aeby, pastor, on Nov. 20.

WOOSTER, OHIO. Kenneth Ashman, pastor of the First Brethren Church, accompanied several members of the Grace College and Seminary faculty, Nov. 6-8, to a Ford Foundation sponsored meeting in Galesburg, Ill. The purpose was to study small college financing, management, and expansion.

BOWLING GREEN, OHIO. Dr. Orville Jobson, formerly superintendent of the Brethren mission field in Africa, was the guest speaker at the missionary rally held at the Bowling Green Brethren mission point. Marion Thomas and Milton Ryerson directed the services.

WASHINGTON, D. C. Chaplain Charles E. Brown, Jr. (Methodist) assumed the duties of Chief of Army Chaplains on Nov. 1. He succeeds Chaplain (Major General) Frank A. Tobey, an American Baptist, who served from Nov. 1, 1958 until his retirement on Oct. 1. Chaplain Tobey once cited Chaplain Brown as "One of the most outstanding chaplains of all time."

GRAFTON, W. VA. Dr. Bernard N. Schneider will close a successful two-weeks of meetings at the First Brethren Church Nov. 25. Paul L. Mohler is pastor.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Arthur Carey, Rialto, Calif.
Richard DeArmey, Inglewood, Calif.
Sibley Edmiston, Mexico
Dean Fetterhoff, Wheaton, Ill.
Martin Garber, Africa
Ralph Hall, Winona Lake, Ind.

HAGERSTOWN, MD. A Thanksgiving eve candlelighting service was conducted at the Grace Brethren Church, Warren Tamkin, pastor.

WINCHESTER, VA. Paul E. Dick, pastor of the First Brethren Church, announces another record attendance of 368 on Oct. 28.

ROANOKE, VA. The Mid-Atlantic and Southeast districts cooperated in a Thanksgiving weekend youth rally held at the Ghent Brethren Church. The theme of the rally was "Leadership Training." Kenneth Teague was host pastor.

CLAYHOLE, KY. Benjamin Dell, five year old son of Rev. and Mrs. Robert Dell, is scheduled to undergo open-heart surgery on Nov. 28 at Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit, Mich. The prayers of the brotherhood are requested. Robert Dell is pastor of our Clayhole Brethren Church.

JOHNSTOWN, PA. The Riverside Brethren Church held a reception for the new pastor, Francis Brill, and his family on Nov. 4. A gift of money was presented to the Brill family. Forty-seven members and friends were in attendance. Refreshments were served.

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 30 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Church	*Date*	*Pastor*	*Speaker*
Sidney, Ind.	Nov. 18-25	A. Rollin Sandy	E. William Male
Trotwood, Ohio	Nov. 18-25	Larry Gegner	Don and Bel Launstein
Danville, Ohio	Nov. 19-25	M. C. Hobson	Wm. Tweeddale
Conemaugh, Pa. (Pike Brethren)	Nov. 21-25	Clair Gartland	J. C. Whitcomb
Fort Wayne, Ind. (Grace)	Nov. 21-28	Glen Crabb	Thomas Julien

GLEN ELLYN, ILL. Christian Service Brigade will celebrate its 25th Anniversary with a rally Dec. 1, 1962. This Christian movement has been officially adopted as the Brethren boys program in our Brethren Fellowship.

RINER, VA. Jack Peters, pastor of the Calvary Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Md., held evangelistic services at Grace Brethren Church here recently. There were several decisions for Christ during the week of services. Charles Hall, pastor.

MIDDLEBRANCH, OHIO. The congregation of the First Brethren Church, Wesley Haller, pastor, has assumed the missionary goal of purchasing a new automobile for the field of Argentina during the coming year. The estimated cost will be approximately $4,000. This goal is in addition to $2,000 designated for the field of Africa.

WOOSTER, OHIO. Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Moomaw, members of the First Brethren Church, are visiting the Brethren mission fields in Argentina and Brazil. The Moomaws have joined Rev. and Mrs. Clyde Landrum in Argentina. Both Landrum and Moomaw are on official business for the Brethren Foreign Missionary Society. Their visits will assist in the planning for future procedures on these mission fields. They will return about Dec. 20.

COMPTON, CALIF. The First Brethren Church, Edwin E. Cashman, pastor, chose as a homecoming project for 1962 a contribution to the Gordon Austin's Outfit club fund. They need a tape recorder for use on the mission field. Gift offerings totaled $54.

In Memoriam

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

SWARTZ, Mrs. Carl, mother of Brethren missionary Randall Maycumber, passed away suddenly on Oct. 29. The memorial service was conducted by Kenneth Ashman, pastor of the First Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio and assisted by Dr. Russell Barnard, secretary of the Brethren Foreign Missionary Society.

Kenneth Ashman, pastor.

FLORA, IND. The schedule of Rev. R. I. Humberd for this year has included over 70 speaking engagements in 25 states. His fall schedule includes 23 different colleges and Christian schools. Among them are: Faith Seminary, Philadelphia, Pa., Baptist Seminaries at Portland, Oreg., San Francisco, Calif., and Dallas, Tex. Colleges in Winona Lake, Ind., Barrington, R. I., Omaha, Nebr., Philadelphia, Pa., Winston Salem, N. C., Birmingham, Ala., Dayton, Tenn., Longview, Tex., Denver, Colo., Houghton, Wash., Upland, Calif., plus several Bible institutes.

Wedding Bells

Rita Doubledee and Harley Evans, Nov. 10, at the First Brethren Church, Middlebranch, Ohio.

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THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN LAYMEN

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NEWS

of interest to you!

FREMONT, OHIO. On October 21, seven laymen from the First Brethren Church of Dayton, Ohio, presented the morning worship service at the Fremont Chapel. The message of the morning was brought by brother Owen Hacker who spoke on the subject, "What Is Man?" taken from the Book of Job. The Herdsmen trio brought several special numbers. This trio is composed of Adam Eagle, John Rule, and Owen Hacker. Harry Steaks is the pianist for the Herdsmen. Others who attended this special service from the First Brethren Church included Charles Grisso, the president of the laymen's group; Ralph Gehman and Ralph Hoffman. The Boethian Bible Class of the First Brethren Church has voted $10 per month for six months for the Fremont Chapel building fund.

WINONA LAKE, INDIANA. A new Christian Service Brigade group has been formed here. The first meeting was held on November 12, and included boys in the 12-18 age group. The work is under the direction of Richard Kelley and Gary Fulmer. The laymen's group has pledged its support of the program in acting as Brigade Dads and offering to assist with transportation when needed.

KITTANNING, PENNSYLVANIA. The laymen of the First Brethren Church have voted to give half of their monthly offering to the goals of the National Fellowship of Brethren Laymen. Approximately twenty men are in the group.

The secretary of the group, brother Harold Hooks, reports that the men were helpful in the starting of a Boy's Brigade work in the church. The steering committee and also the leaders of the work are from the local laymen's fellowship. The men of the group have been helping the boys by giving a special offering each month, and in providing transportation.

Earlier in September, an evangelistic tent meeting was held with Rev. and Mrs. Leo Polman as the featured speakers and musicians. The men helped to erect the tent.

The men's fellowship was largely responsible for the completion of the Sunday-school annex, and are active in the general repairs of the church building.

FREMONT, OHIO. Your national laymen's officers met here on Saturday, November 17 for an all-day planning session. Those present included Ken Kohler, Jim Knepper, Ralph Grady, Ben Zimmerman, and Ken Herman. The Grace Brethren Church, of which Rev. Thomas Hammers is pastor, was the place where the meeting was held. Please pray that the decisions made at this meeting will prove to be of real value.



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WHAT IS WRONG *WITH OUR CHURCH?*

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE WANT TO KNOW!

By Dave Hocking

National Youth Director

Professor Howard Hendricks of Dallas Theological Seminary polled high school and college age young people in his state with this question: "Why do young people leave the church?" Here are their answers:

1. Young people leave the church because the Scriptures do not touch their lives.

2. Young people leave church because adequate provision for their needs is not included.

3. Young people leave because the church is not interested in their problems.

4. Young people leave the church because they are not given sufficient challenge and responsibility.

5. Young people leave church because of inconsistency in the lives of adult members.

Maybe these answers do not concern our beloved denomination, where the Word of God is faithfully proclaimed, but our Brethren young people are asking some similar questions which we must answer before God. "Why is it that our church gets more excited about baptism than about reaching lost souls with the Gospel?"

It seems that our emphasis is not in the right place. Jesus told us to "go and proclaim the good news about the Saviour." Jesus said that we were to "let our lights shine," to be the "salt of the earth," a "city set on a hill." He told us to be powerful "witnesses." The chief task of the church is the conversion of sinners! It seems that we have stressed the "teaching" to such a degree, that we have forgotten about the "winning!" No church or theological seminary or individual Christian can effectively do the job which our Lord commanded us to do, unless its heart-throb is a soul-winner's fire!

Rescue the perishing, Care for the dying,
Snatch them in pity from sin and the grave:
Weep o'er the erring one, lift up the fallen,
Tell them of Jesus the mighty to save.

Our young people are told about the needs for missionaries and pastors. They are told about the lack of missionary candidates and the number of those who have left the field for various reasons. But don't blame them for not fulfilling the needs! Has our church lost its burden, its passion for souls, its "first love?" Are we concerned about winning people to Christ in our churches? If every member of our churches *only* led one person to Christ in five years, our membership would have doubled! What have we done in the last five years? Have we become too concerned about things of secondary importance? "Where there is no vision, the people perish!"

Our young people will meet the challenge of the world if we have the right emphasis in our churches. "He that winneth souls is wise" (Prov. 11:30). "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him" (Ps. 126:6). "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever" (Dan. 12:3). "Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins" (James 5:20).

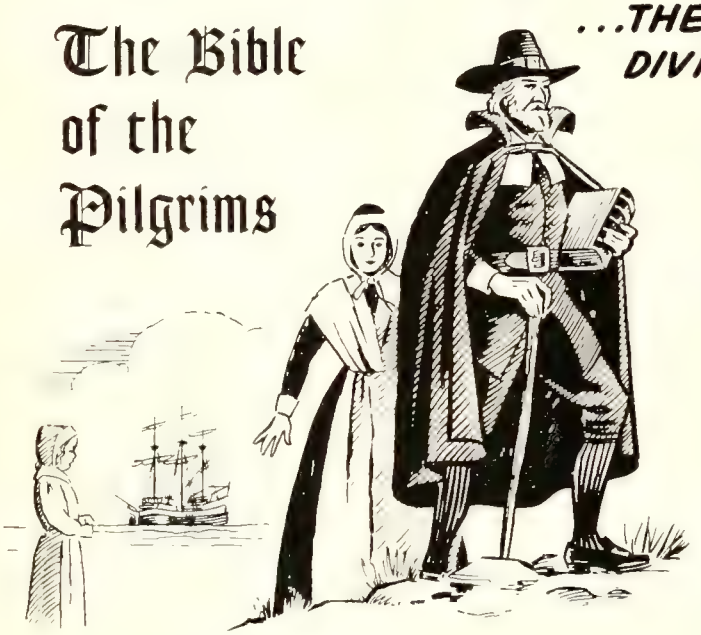
If our churches are New Testament churches, they will be soul-winning churches—churches with a vision, a burden, a passion for the lost—"in Jerusalem, in all Judaea, in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." In a denomination (or is it a "fellowship?") of churches where the emphasis is upon soul-winning, there is no room for spiritual status-seekers, and theological hair-splitting. If Jesus Christ were moderator of our denomination, what message would He have us hear? Would it not be the same one which He gave to us before He ascended?

When our young people begin to see the soul-winning fires burning in the hearts of our churches, and lives totally committed to Christ among their elders, we will soon see the needs of the field being supplied. God has not changed His emphasis—have we?

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BACK IN ENGLAND, A NEW RULER HAD COME TO THE THRONE--QUEEN ELIZABETH. THE GENEVA BIBLE WAS DEDICATED TO HER AND SHE ACCEPTED IT. NOW THE PROTESTANT EXILES COULD RETURN TO THEIR HOMELAND.

THE BATTLE FOR THE ENGLISH BIBLE WAS WON!

HUBART

The Reasonableness of Eternal Life

BY
ANGIE
GARBER

Brethren Navajo Mission
Cuba, New Mexico

"I give unto them eternal life: and they shall never perish," so spoke the Lord of His own. To those who hated Him, He said: "Ye will not come to me, that ye might have life" (John 5:40). The Bible is full of such references of eternal life as the gift of God.

Life is the desire of every human heart, full life, happy life, a life worthwhile. But when we speak of eternal life, no human mind is capable of grasping its extent. Only the eternal God, who lives in eternity understands and knows just what the term implies.

When man was formed out of the dust of the ground, God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, thus making him a living soul. God made man in His likeness and desired him to share all He had, even His eternal life. Man chose disobedience and death.

Scientists tell us matter may change form, but it is never destroyed. If this is true of inanimate things, how much more should a human soul be indestructible? Our beings cry out that this life which we now have fails to satisfy. Our life here is filled with death, sorrow, and sin.

The Word of God tells us that the eternal One who created us loves us and has made a way by which we can still receive that eternal life. His own Son paid the price of our sin by dying in our stead. He is the only One who can take away the sin which so long has hidden the face of the holy One from us. When we look at the terrible sight of His death, we see how important He considered eternal life to be. When we look at Calvary, we see how valuable God considers this life, the only One who knows what eternal life is. Any gift prompted by love is valuable. How much more priceless it is when it is the token of the love of the Mighty God.

Man who turned to the tree of knowledge in that first garden is still choosing the same foolish course today. Because he turns from the eternal One who alone has life, he walks through darkness and sin to eternal death. And that death is more dreadful than any mortal can realize because it is a living death separating him from the One who is life.

Valued by the everlasting Creator, eternal life is available to all who will take it so that they, too, may share His eternity. He loves us and desires us to be with Him. Hear the tender prayer of the One who came into a world limited by time to give us the blessings of eternity: "Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am" (John 17:24). The eternal Lord will have His heart's desire. His purchased ones will yet taste of immortality because He wills it. "And God himself shall be with them . . . and there shall be no more death . . . in the midst of the street of it . . . was there the tree of life . . . and they shall see his face . . . and they shall reign for ever and ever" (Rev. 21:3-4; 22:2, 4-5). Hallelujah!

Now I Know!

Several times I had driven by a certain church between the hours of seven and eight o'clock Sunday mornings.

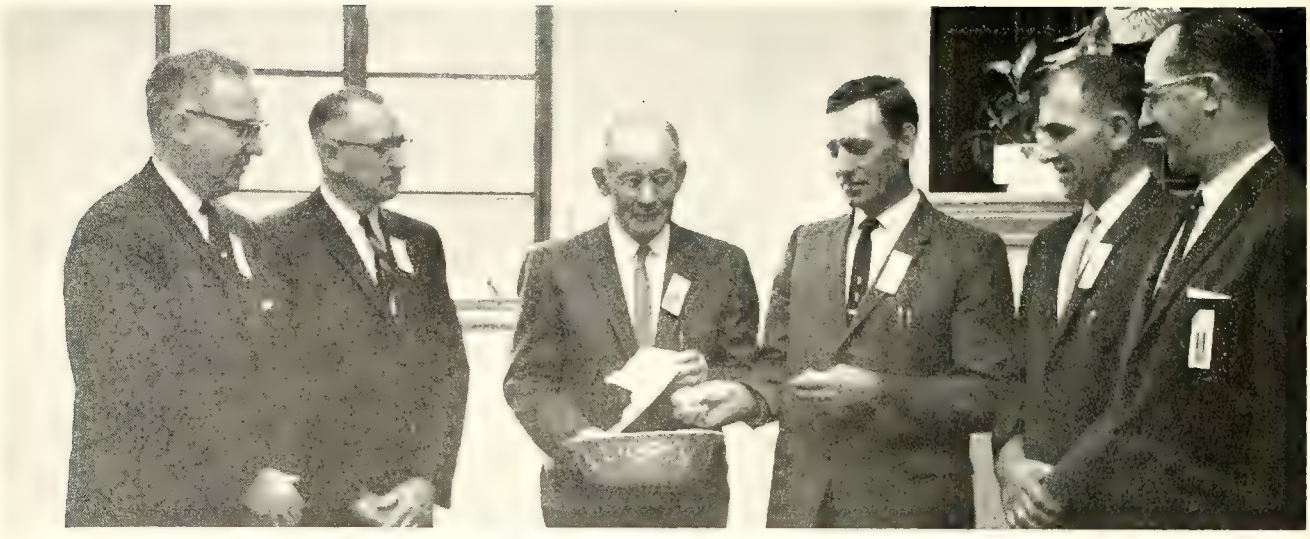
I was intrigued by the dozen cars parked in front and around the side of this church at that hour in the morning. I saw no advertised service for 7 o'clock Sunday morning.

One morning to satisfy my curiosity, I took the liberty of quietly opening the door to at least peek and listen. Some one was praying, that I could hear. But I couldn't see anyone. So, quietly tiptoeing for better advantage, I saw better than a dozen men on their knees at the front row of pews in the church auditorium.

"This is interesting" I said, under my breath. I just couldn't resist the temptation to listen further and through a few more prayers. Now just what would a dozen or more men pray for every Sunday morning at 7 o'clock?

As I listened they were pouring out their hearts in petition to their Heavenly Father that He would bless the teachers in the Sunday school and then, too, they prayed for the pastor and the assistant pastor. They asked the Lord's blessing on the church service which is broadcast every Sunday morning. They prayed for the sick, physically and spiritually; and for the lost, even naming them. They prayed for the missionaries and the young people away from home in the military or in colleges. They prayed that they might be better witnesses for their Lord and Saviour.

There were no signs nor the smell of anything to eat. What then was the attraction? It could only have been one thing. The love of these men for their fellow men who didn't know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. It was!



Left to right: Jack Fisher, Herbert Stair, Fenton Holmes, Arthur Jentes, John Armstrong, and Pastor Kenneth Ashman.

Wooster Brethren Burn Mortgage

A major step forward in the plans of progress of The First Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio, was experienced on Homecoming Sunday, October 28. The mortgage on the church proper was presented by the bank and was burned in an impressive ceremony. Mr. Jack Fisher, representing the Wayne County Bank through whom the building program has been financed, presented the cancelled mortgage to Trustee Herbert Stair. Mr. Stair, the original moderator of the congregation, spoke of the Lord's blessing upon the congregation and the faithfulness of the people in meeting their obligations. Trustees Fenton Holmes and Arthur Jentes were privileged to burn the mortgage with current Moderator John Armstrong presenting the prayer of thanksgiving. Pastor Kenneth Ashman was a happy observer of the whole ceremony. The First Brethren Church of Wooster, a $125,000 investment, was built in 1948-49, and was dedicated in September of 1949.

Several years ago the congregation purchased an additional acre of ground, including a large brick home to the north of the present church location. This increases the property to just less than four acres in the heart of one of Wooster's finer residential areas. The obligation on this later purchase still stands and will be met by the congregation as another step forward in their current debt-liquidation and expansion program. Future plans call for the building of an annex for Bible-school purposes, or the location of a second congregation in the Wooster area as the Lord leads.

Please notice! The next issue of the

BRETHREN MISSIONARY HERALD

you will receive will be dated December 8, 1962. December will be a

SPECIAL TRIAL PERIOD

to determine the reaction of our readers concerning a change to a bi-weekly publication. You will receive two issues in December, and they will consist of more pages and will be printed in black and one other color.

A self-addressed, postage paid post card will be included in the issue dated December 22 so that you may voice your reaction to this proposed change.

RETHREN MISSIONARY
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CEMBER 8, 1962 Foreign Missions and Women's Missionary Council Issue



HEART TO HEART—An Editorial

CHURCH BUILDINGS—ARE THEY A MISSIONARY'S WORK?—George Cone, Jr.

Heart To Heart!

The Christmas Season will give opportunity for the millions of believers to tell of the birth of Jesus. Pray God we may accept any and every season, any and every opportunity to tell of this glorious event! Let there be great joy!

But it is to be remembered that there are the multiplied millions in the world who have never heard of His birth or His life, His death or His resurrection—or His coming again. They have never even heard His name! They know nothing of the salvation He came to bring. They are still in their terrible, blinding, blighting, damning sins. Does this fact bring sorrow to our hearts as believers? Do we care? What will we do about it?

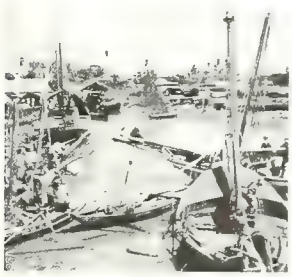
The Need for Missionaries

If you have noticed in the recent writings from our missionaries, there have been heart-rending appeals for help in the way of additional missionary personnel. Although true in all Brethren fields, it is especially true in the Central African Republic. Most of the missionaries in the Brethren work in Africa are doing the work of two or three missionaries. Our missionaries in this field are determined that the Mission shall not fail the rapidly growing African church. The situation is acute. Please pray for help!

Offering Indications

Not only do we need to send out new missionaries, but we need to care for those we now have. As of October 31, 1962, our gift income was more than $28,000 less than on October 31, 1961. We feel you should know the facts. All of our Brethren agencies are looking to the Lord to supply their needs that they may come to the end of this year with offerings equal to, if not far above, those of former years. The need is great, but our God is greater. Again, please pray for help!

COVER PHOTO



A typical harbor scene at Belem in Brazil's Amazon area.

Missionary Conferences

Our foreign missionaries have been busy this fall in a series of missionary conferences, with several more ahead. To date each of these conferences has been at the invitation of the pastor and his people. Our missionaries want to be busy; therefore, they and we will be happy for additional invitations for missionary conferences.

Landrum-Schumacher-Moomaw Visits

The visit by Brethren Clyde Landrum and Herman Schumacher to Puerto Rico has been reported. Mr. and Mrs. Landrum and Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Moomaw are in Argentina as this is being written, but as you read it they should be in Brazil. They are scheduled to leave Argentina December 2; then to leave Brazil for Puerto Rico on December 15, and return to Chicago on December 19. Brethren Schumacher and Moomaw are laymen, and very busy men; yet, both of them are willing and anxious to visit in our churches wherever and whenever possible to tell the story of the work as they have seen it. They will be glad to help in any capacity. Both will have beautiful colored pictures to illustrate the message, and these will be the very latest thing in pictures. All three of these brethren expect to be in attendance at the meeting of the board of trustees of the Foreign Missionary Society in Long Beach, California, February 12-16, 1963, and will probably be able to accept speaking appointments in that area before and after the meeting.

Grace Seminary and College

In this season of the year our Fellowship of Churches turns its eyes toward our fine educational institutions, and to Christian education in general. Do we believe in Grace Seminary and College? Indeed we do! We believe in Christian schools and in Christian education from the first grade in elementary education to the last year of college or seminary. Let this mention be an encouragement for every member of The Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church to be also a member of the Grace Seminary corporation, and vice versa.

Congratulations, Home Missions, on the New Prayer Booklet!

It's beautiful! We trust it will be a continual reminder to pray for these of the Lord's servants. The new foreign-missions prayer booklet has also gone to the printer, and should be delivered near the end of the year. We trust every Brethren family will keep the two side by side, and as you pray for those mentioned in the one, pray for those mentioned in the other.

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The Brethren Testimony in Argentina

By Rev. Clyde K. Landrum

It has been a great joy to see first-hand the Brethren work in Argentina! About one-half of the field survey has been completed. Considerable time in the last half of our stay will be given over to studying the Bible Institute program, and to the field council. The people have received us graciously and have been very kind. Both missionaries and nationals have shown true Christian hospitality. In spite of the language barrier, we feel right at home here!

It is good to see the vision of the missionaries and to talk with them of their plan eventually to place all of the work in the hands of the nationals. How wonderful to see the nationals working toward the same goal! One of the finest examples of this is the camp work. From the beginning, the nationals have been in on planning for and carrying on the camp program. Today they own approximately two acres of land situated at the foot of a mountain. On this beautiful site they have built permanent-type brick buildings. They have a girl's dormitory, a kitchen, and a combination dining room-auditorium, and nearing completion at the present time is a dormitory for boys. It is indeed gratifying to see how the nationals have donated their time and energy, as well as their gifts, to erect this building! At one time during the construction there were forty men working on it. This is more outstanding when one realizes that economic conditions at present in Argentina are not good. It is a real sacrifice for these men to give their time, but they do it for the glory of our God!

The Bible Institute is basic to the whole mission program in Argentina. It has great potential, for, as it grows and is expanded, it can supply the workers for the future. It has literally transformed our Mission in that it has already supplied some of these workers, and has sent them out to pastor churches and to carry on the work in general. These have manifested a real zeal for the things of the Lord. It is an inspiration to meet these young people and to see them helping in the work of the Lord. They are a living demonstration of what the Word of God can do. And, they are being used to get this same Word of God to work among the young people and the nationals in general. Particularly have they been used with the young people in camp. It is hoped that soon Brother Jack Churchill can devote full time to this ministry of training the young people in the Bible Institute. The nationals, as well as the missionaries, have had a real part in the work at the Bible Institute. They have supplied the food for the table, have assisted in teaching, and in other practical ways.

The work of the Mission in the interior of Argentina continues to be a blessing. In addition to works that have been established over a longer period of years, a more recent work has been established in Cordoba, which is now said to be Argentina's second largest city, and real progress is being made in the work. The headquarters church at Rio Cuarto is now being pastored by a national, and the church has voted to fully support this pastor. This is the pattern for the future in the plan to have the whole program eventually in the hands of the nationals.

Also of great encouragement is the development of several churches in the Buenos Aires area. There is a semicircle of churches around the city, which has a population of over five million. The two beautiful new churches at Don Bosco and Jose Marmol are well established. The two-year-old work at Castelar is reaching souls in that residential suburb. A new work is now in process of being started in the General Belgrano suburb. The vision for the future is to complete the circle, and also to locate a work in the central Capital section of the city. In the very near future a branch of the Bible Institute is to be established here to help train workers.

The radio work has been blessed of the Lord. Its message is able to go where the missionary cannot go. As the Lord leads, this ministry is to be expanded with definite stress being

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Left: Talented young people are being trained for future service; Juan Colle with one of his chalk drawings made at camp. Right: There were 27 decisions for Christ in this tent campaign.



Mr. and Mrs. Isch

New Workers Present Their Testimonies

(Editor's note: Mr. and Mrs. Jean Isch are the recently-married young couple who are now in charge of the "Centre Evangelique." Brethren testimony in Lyon, France. Jean Isch is French; Soula, his wife, is from Greece. They met at the European Bible Institute; both were members of this year's graduating class and this is where Rev. Fred Fogle became acquainted with them. Brother Fogle has sent their testimonies which are being presented here. He notes: "Mrs. Isch has translated Mr. Isch's testimony, which was originally written in French, and has written her own in English. She studied in the English section of the European Bible Institute, so is quite fluent in English.")

Proverbs 19:21 says: "There are many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless the counsel of the Lord, that shall stand."

I was born in a family which was Protestant by name; my parents sent me to Sunday school, but I was not interested in it. At the age of fourteen, as it is the custom in the Reformed churches in France, I did my confirmation; it was then normally that I should enter the church, officially, but for me that was the occasion to get away from it. During the nine following years, I did not go to any church except one or two times.

I wanted to live my life and especially live in order to accomplish a certain goal, for which I was studying and making great sacrifices. I wanted to be a singer! And while I was working during the day, in the evening I was following special courses.

However, the Lord had so much loved me, and He wanted to save me in order that I might serve Him in my life. So, one evening my sister spoke to me of a youth club where she was going to go, and I decided to go with her by curiosity. But I will never forget that evening; to me that was a revelation to see some young people around a big table having fun together and reading the Bible! I heard for the first time there the name of Jesus Christ, and I saw the Bible. I was very attracted by those young people, I went back to that evangelical church, and little by little I followed the worship services and the evangelistic meetings.

Very soon the gospel message touched my heart, and placed me before God as I really was, a sinner. I recognized that, but I did not want Jesus Christ. "My goal, the theater," I was saying, "does not go with Him." And so I continued one year. I had heard many messages and testimonies, but one evening I heard once more the voice of Christ through the message of the pastor of the assembly. I went back home and said to my sister: "Christ has gained, I think." Indeed, a few minutes later I gave myself to Christ.

After several months I entered the European Bible Institute near Paris to prepare myself for God's service, for I felt that God was calling me to become a fisher of men.

I finished the three years training there, and it was there also that my wife and I met. The Lord put in our hearts the desire to serve Him together, since we had the same vision —to bring the Gospel to the needy Europe. Several doors for service were open before us after school, but we were not receiving God's conviction in our hearts. When Mr. Fogle spoke to me of the work in Lyon, that interested us a lot, and after having prayed for some time about it, the Lord gave us the assurance that that was His chosen place for us and we accepted the offer.

Our deepest desire is to serve the Lord and spread the Gospel in Europe. We pray God that in His time and with His manner, this vision may become a reality.

—Jean Isch

Since I was a little child I heard the Gospel preached in my home. After their conversion, my parents had started to have meetings in our home, and naturally they wanted to see their children come to Christ. But I did not feel my need of Christ until I was fourteen. Being a very ambitious young girl, I had already made my plans for the future. I wanted to be a doctor, to study especially in USA and become famous.

As it is the case very often in Christian homes, I thought I was a Christian because of my parents, and Satan tried to keep me quiet with that thought. But I was not happy at all, even if I looked so, and in my young heart I was seeking to find the true happiness.

One Sunday morning that I will never forget, God spoke to me as I was listening to a message preached in our living room; He showed me that He had done all for me, and that He was waiting for me to accept Jesus Christ in my heart. The Spirit of God touched my heart and

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PRAYER and MISSIONS

It is recorded in the great missionary passage of Matthew 9:36-38 that Jesus looked upon the multitudes that followed Him and was moved with compassion upon them. He saw them as sheep having no shepherd. They fainted and were scattered abroad. They were harassed and distressed.

Then He turned to His disciples and said unto them: "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few." In saying this He had changed the metaphor from wandering sheep to fields of ripening grain, but the subject was the same—lost men everywhere. On that day the multitudes consisted mostly of Palestinians, but Jesus looked beyond them and said: "Other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd" (John 10: 16). Then He told His followers to do something about the teeming fields of lost men. These are His words: "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."

This is the Lord's formula to provide reapers for the ripened fields of the world. In this command He forever linked the supply of workers with the prayers of His own who are already in the fold. The supply is thus conditioned upon the prayers of the Lord's people, and the effectiveness of their prayers is conditioned upon their compassion for lost men.

We as Brethren need to be brought face to face with this truth. We are responsible to the Lord of the Harvest for the supply of workers in the mission fields of the world. We have not because we ask not. The Lord has not withdrawn His formula, and here is the answer to our depleted missionary forces.

There is no substitute for this prescription. It is true that we as a Fellowship of Churches operate a college and a seminary, that we have a Foreign Missionary Society and office, but these do not automatically assure workers for our seven fields. We cannot clear ourselves by making our institutions responsible. Even missionary conferences with all the appeal and challenge of devoted missionaries cannot take the place of the prayers of God's people that the Lord will thrust forth workers.

There was a day in The Brethren Church when we agonized before God in prayer to meet the need for missionaries. For example, when pioneer Gribble faced the task of opening the first station in Africa without a human helper, we prayed for laborers, claiming this passage in Matthew 9, and God heard and answered.

When the African Mission was launched, the founders and the Society organized prayer bands in each church. A great host of men and women formed a prayer chain for Brethren missions. Later the fifteenth day of the month was set aside as a day of prayer for missions. This was then expanded to include all the activities of the church. But now the prayer bands have ceased, and the fifteenth day of the month is observed by a few churches only.

The results? A shortage of missionary candidates. The remedy? "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest."

This is the hour of golden oppor-

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By Dr. Orville D. Jobson

In generations past this hymn was the clarion call of the church. It seems that in recent years it has not been used so much, and many do not know it at all. Won't you please use it in your church and come to know it well. The words were written by J. O. Thompson, the music by J. B. O. Clemm.

THE CALL FOR REAPERS

Far and near the fields are teeming
With the waves of ripened grain;
Far and near their gold is gleaming
O'er the sunny slope and plain.

Send them forth with morn's first beaming;
Send them in the noon tide's glare;
When the sun's last rays are gleaming,
Bid them gather ev'rywhere.

O thou, whom thy Lord is sending,
Gather now the sheaves of gold;
Heav'nward then at evening wending,
Thou shalt come with joy untold.

Chorus:
Lord of harvest, send forth reapers!
Hear us, Lord, to Thee we cry;
Send them now the sheaves to gather,
Ere the harvest-time pass by.

▼ *By Rev. George Cone, Jr.*



CHURCH BUILDINGS

ARE THEY A MISSIONARY'S WORK?

"While you were gone, the Catholic priest came over to see our church building site. He remarked that the missionary who should be helping us was gone on other business all the time. He told us that the American people weren't really interested in helping the Africans or they would send enough missionaries to help them with the things that are still too hard for us to do. He said that the reason so many American missionaries had not returned to the field was because they don't really love us and the slow progress of the building was just evidence that what he was saying is true. He asked permission from us to let him come in and complete the church building for us, and then to give him permission to come and preach to us, too—for everyone knows that this year all the churches in the world are going to join into one church and the head of these churches will be the Catholic church. You are our missionary here; is what this priest said about the church in America really true? Why have missionaries stopped coming? Why have so many gone home and never returned? Does your church in America really love us or not? What can I tell the members of this church to keep them from falling into the temptation they face because of this building?"

That is the way an African deacon greeted me the last time I returned from the work that has kept me away from home now for seven months of this year. What could I say to him? How could I answer for you? I don't know why you don't come to help us. I don't know why there is not money to meet the challenges. Do you have the answer?

I don't want to exegete this passage, but I do want to apply it to the African church. "For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them . . . the sow that was washed [is turned] to her wallowing in the mire" (II Pet. 2:20-22).

The missionary efforts of The Brethren Church have washed, to some extent, the peoples of Africa in the area in which we work. A church has been started, some leaders have been taught, and there are those who are faithful to Him.

However, the vast majority of the church members and others who come to listen to the Word are poorly trained in the Word. They have received a glimpse of the way of righteousness, but are still so entangled and confused by the former ways of their fathers and the new challenges of awakened Africa that it is very evident if we leave them to their own devices now, their latter end will be much more tragic than the former.

For the sake of getting a new church building, many Africans would vote to let the priest come in and take over. In their untaught state, they do not realize the dangers of the Catholic system that in the name of Christianity accepts all of paganism under the banner of a crucifix and by the power of prayer to the "Mother of God."

Can we as a Brethren church stand by and let the ones for whom we have been responsible in enlightenment, turn back to an end worse than before we came? Can we as individual Christians be responsible for this return to "wallowing in the mire"?

If we do not act immediately with enough missionaries and money to pick up the responsibility of literature, Bible training, youth work, medical assistance, and counsel in a still young church, I for one feel certain that God will hold us as individuals and as a denomination responsible for the latter end of this needy African church.

What will you do to save the Church of Jesus Christ in Africa?

When I was in the Army, the saying went something like this: "An army moves on its stomach." I think it is parallel with the church. The African church can and will build its own buildings to meet its needs if the stomach of their souls is well fed with spiritual food. I do not believe my job is to build church buildings. I came to help build the Church of Jesus Christ. However, a half-nourished church does not have the strength nor motive to build a building. Feed them to meet the real need of their souls and the Catholic priest will not stand a chance by offering them the chaff.

You can help feed them the real meat of the Word. You can come help us to train Africans in His Word so that they will not return to the mire. Do it today—tomorrow is too late.

The Challenge of Brazil in a Changing World

By Rev. Edward D. Miller

A study of the world situation as it affects the work of missions is bound to come as a stirring challenge to all Christians who are interested in fulfilling Christ's command to His disciples to go into all the world and preach the Gospel. Today conditions in many parts of the world are much more favorable for carrying out this command than they were 150 years ago. We live in a ripening world. This is an encouraging fact in missions. More populations today are responsive to the Gospel than ever before. The world seems to be full of a great variety of communities—some ripe and some unripe for the Gospel. Many lands have rejected the Gospel, but many others are welcoming with open arms the message of salvation.

Brazil is not a part of the world that can be characterized in a word. It contains both primitive tribes and highly civilized cities. Backward in some parts, yet seething with industrial changes in the south—progress, growth, opportunity—all these are characteristics of Brazil today. Occupying slightly less than one-half of the South America land area, it is larger than the continental United States. It has the largest river in the world, the Amazon; two waterfalls, Iguassu and Paulo Afonso, that are higher than Niagara; and an island, Marajo, at the mouth of the Amazon, that is larger than Belgium. Brazil borders every other country in South America except Chile and Ecuador and is the largest republic of the continent. A little more than one-half of all the inhabitants of South America live within the boundaries of this great land Brazil.

Brazil was discovered on April 22, 1500, by Pedro Cabral, a Portuguese navigator on his way to India. Cabral claimed the new territory for Portugal and called it *Vera Cruz* (True Cross), a name that was later changed to "Brazil" after the red dye-wood *pau brasil*, brazilwood, found and exported by the early Portuguese settlers. The Portuguese gave Brazil its language, religion, and basic racial type. The first explorers found widely scattered Indian tribes numbering probably close to a million souls. Today an estimated 200,000 Indians are concentrated in the Amazon Valley, the majority of whom have never heard the "good news" of salvation.

Slavery was introduced into Brazil late in the sixteenth century and continued until after 1850. At the time of independence (1822), half the population of about 3.8 million was Negro. After more than four centuries of assimilation of Brazil's racial elements, there has been produced a distinct culture and nationality. Practically all nationalities of the world are found in the population of over 65 million inhabitants, which is growing at the rate of 1.3 million a year. Today the population is roughly divided as follows: Amazon Valley and northern coast is largely a mixture of Indian and Negroid; the northeast is largely inhabited by a white-Indian mixture; and the southern states about 75 percent white. The rapid growth of the white population in the south has been due to the European immigration which has poured into that section. Brazil is still in need of immigrants, owing to her vast areas of unexploited interior.

Thus, Brazil is growing as a new experiment. It is, first of all, an experiment in racial democracy.



Rev. and Mrs. Eddie Miller, Macapa, Brazil, and their family—Carol Ann, Jeanette, Eddie, Jr., and Stanley.

Brazil has today probably the greatest and most complex combination of racial stocks in the world, and is proud of its racial democracy because of the absence of declared prejudices and discrimination, and the fact that even distinctions between the races are distinctions of rank or class rather than color.

But, today Brazil like all of Latin America seems to be experiencing a great awakening to new ideologies, political faiths, and great hopes for the future. Communism, which appeals to those who are confronted with terrible poverty, is fast gaining ground. Romanism, dead and complacent for centuries, is pushing forward even though the practicing Roman Catholics now number only some ten percent.

Of course, evangelical Christianity has also been a great factor in this great awakening. Membership in some denominations in Brazil has trebled in the last few years. Today evangelical churches are growing faster in Brazil than in any other country in Latin America. But the job has barely begun. Many have been brought to Christ. Schools and churches have been set up and many missionary leaders believe that today is the strategic time for the Gospel to reap its greatest harvest. What we need today is an intensified program of Bible teaching and church evangelism. In the last twenty-five years the number of missionaries has more than doubled while the number of converts has grown more than six times. Thus, it would seem that the real need is for the training of national workers who will be the evangelists, pastors, and Christian leaders of tomorrow. The Brethren missionaries laboring in the Amazon Valley are dedicated to this great task of training Brazilian young people for this work.

The need is great in Brazil, but a spiritual harvest can only come as national workers equipped with evangelical literature go forth to win their fellow countrymen for Christ. Truly the field is white unto harvest, but the laborers are few. Brethren, pray for Brazil.

New Workers . . .

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that very morning at the end of that very meeting, I yielded myself to Him.

When Christ came into my heart, He changed everything. He gave me the happiness that I was seeking; He gave me a new, eternal life, having pardoned all my sin, but He also gave me new ambitions for the future. I wanted only to become a winner of souls, and serve the Lord Jesus Christ in my life. That's why after having finished high school, I followed a short Bible course in England and later I entered the European Bible Institute to better prepare myself for God's service. During the three years' training at EBI, the Lord increased my desire to serve Him. He enlarged my vision and made me to be ready to go wherever He would send me.

And the more I know Christ the more I want to serve Him.

The Lord led us now to Lyon, which is the second city in France. There is so much to be done here, and we just pray to God to fill us daily with His Spirit that we may be useful instruments in His hands to bring men and women, old and young people to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. We feel that by ourselves we can do nothing, unless God lays His hand upon us, and unless there are many friends who could pray for us, and with us, to bring the Gospel to the needy country of France and to all Europe.

—Soula Isch

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placed on follow-up work. An extensive literature program is being planned. This will include finding, training, and encouraging writers, as well as the production and distribution of literature. In the plan there is to be a bookstore and reading room at Rio Cuarto. The nationals are burdened for the Christian day school movement. They are hoping to get started on this program soon.

The sad part of our situation in Argentina is that so very many places are at present unreached. There are many towns and even cities with no positive testimony as far as a gospel-preaching church is concerned. There are dozens of sections in the greater Buenos Aires area with very little, if any, testimony for Christ. Yet, our workers have full liberty to preach where they will and to start churches where they can. Even with all the good work being done by our workers, the total looks so small when compared to the large and needy field. How desperately we need to reach out further for Christ!

As I have gone among the churches here, I have carried greetings from the Brethren in the churches in the United States. These people appreciate your greetings, and ask that I return their greetings to you. They also appreciate your interest in their work in Argentina. But always they ask that you pray for them. Will you please do this? Pray for the missionaries and for the nationals that in the immediate future they may be able to reach out to more of these souls. If the Lord should lead you to give an extra gift as the year 1962 draws to a close, please give it for this worthy cause and for the glory of God. And, as the Argentines say time after time as we part—"Que el Senor le bendiga!"—"May the Lord bless you!"

Prayer . . .

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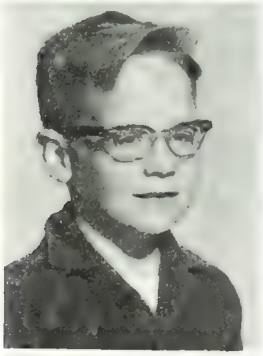
tunity for the church of Jesus Christ. The doors to South America, Africa, and much of Europe and Asia are wide open. If we do not enter them now, then let us not decry our plight when they are closed against us. Never were there better schools to train our youth and never were the possibilities of sending them greater, but never were there fewer dedicating their lives to serve the Lord. Pray ye therefore. This is the answer.

Let us confess our failure and pray. This is Christ's own formula. It cannot fail. The need is great, honestly. Shall we pray?

THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

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KNOWING YOUR MISSIONARIES—

Rev. and Mrs. Walter Haag and their family (Doug and Sandra standing, and Sharon seated) have served the Lord in Mexico since 1951. They live in the United States at the Mexican border and work out from there. Their home is in San Ysidro, California, right across the border from Tijuana, Mexico. Mrs. Haag is a nurse and Mr. Haag teaches at the Bible Institute in Tijuana along with his many other duties as a missionary.

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MARY MISSIONARY—(Written by the FMS staff during the absence of "Uncle Clyde")



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN



By Mrs. Thomas Hammers

Women Marvelously Chosen

Back in the timeless sweep of eternity God looked down past His creation of the earth and man to see the wickedness of His people. Out of His great heart of love He chose to deliver us from the curse of sin. To accomplish this he needed a woman.

From the homes of Israel where hundreds of simple, virtuous Jewish maidens lived, He chose Mary: "And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women . . . therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God" (Luke 1:28, 35).

Marvelous indeed was the birth heralded by the angels. Surely it was marvelous that Mary's body should be the chosen vessel to bring salvation and joy "which shall be to all people." She was not a special creation of God for His purpose. She was the same as you and me, but God knew that when He revealed His choice she would say: "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word" (Luke 1:38).

Are you a woman willing to be chosen for God's specific purpose?
Are you willing to say: "Be it unto me according to thy word"?

This is the kind of women God has chosen and used in the vast work of WMC. In I Peter 2:9 we read: "But ye are a chosen generation . . . that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."

We *are* a generation of women chosen by God to give the blessing of salvation through His Son to the unsaved near and far. In His great plan, each woman and each council has a place which none other can fill.

Therefore let us look back over the first three months of this WMC year. Let us examine ourselves and our councils according to our devotional goals, our missionary goals, and our financial goals. What have we done? Christ is pleased if all have shown forth His praises. Let us remember that daily faithfulness in the devotional goals of study, prayer, and continual witnessing increases our missionary vision, and is evidenced in sacrificial offerings of time, talent, and treasure.

The needs on the foreign field, in our Christian schools, and in the work in the homeland have never been so great before. But our God is still as powerful as when He wrought the miracle in Mary's body because she was willing to say: "Be it unto me according to thy word." As we see the remainder of this WMC year ahead, the challenge is even greater. What are we willing to say to our Lord?

May our Saviour's miraculous birth fill us with an overflowing joy so that His radiant praise is made known in our service to others. For this we were marvelously chosen.

WHAT DOES CHRISTMAS MEAN TO YOU?

By Mrs. R. E. A. Miller
Glendale, California

My little son asked the question with an almost casual detachment, but a flood of memories overwhelmed my heart. *Memories* from a happy childhood clamored for attention as I tried to arrange them in good mental order.

Early each November I would make a neat slot in some little cardboard box, which was carefully hidden in a dark corner of my bedroom closet. Every time I went to the store for Mother any coins from one cent to a quarter were quickly put through the slot in the box. A child-wise mother studiously avoided asking for her change after that first year when I had appropriated the money without so much as a "may I?" When she suddenly awakened to the fact that her dollar bills were disappearing too fast, she questioned a daughter who had a guilty look in her eye. After producing the box with the coins, and explaining the purpose of the money confiscation, Mother smiled in understanding love. After all, there were no allowances for children in those days, so how else could a child surprise her parents and sister with gifts?

The aroma of baking fruitcake filled every nook and corner of the house those days. My mouth watered in anticipation of eating the delicacy during the Christmas holidays. Nowhere in all this world will ever be found mincemeat as delicious as that which Daddy made. His mince pies were the talk of our friends—a culinary masterpiece.

Packages steadily, surreptitiously found their way into drawers, closets, under beds. Exciting talk designed to obtain information without divulging any plans filled each spine-tingling day.

At long last Christmas Eve arrived. The hours were weighted with lead, so slowly did they drag by. The tree stood stately and beautiful in the living room. As soon as the children were in bed, Mother and Daddy would make it more lovely with shining tree ornaments. It was fun to go to bed early because when we slept the hours sped by. But it was hard to sleep. About 3 o'clock on Christmas morning the choir from First Brethren Church came in from its caroling to drink hot chocolate and eat sandwiches. The happy chatter below wakened us and we tiptoed to the banister, leaning over in vain hope that we'd be invited to participate in the festivities.

Blessed memories of joyful Christmas seasons because Jesus Christ had come into the world to redeem His creatures. Christmas was a time of *melody,* too. We sang of His birth, and rejoiced with the shepherds and Wise Men in their joy. Our precious half-Irish mother never knew the Christmas carols or Lord's Prayer in English until she became a member of The Brethren Church. From a child she had sung them in German. How she thrilled our hearts when she sang "Stille Nacht" in voice never sweeter. Only heaven's choirs will be more beautiful. Christmas was a time of melody because we knew the Babe of Bethlehem as the world's and our own Redeemer.

Christmas was a time of rejoicing in majesty—*His* majesty. *By* faith in Jesus Christ and His shed blood we are a "royal people." When He took upon himself the "body of our humiliation," we "beheld his glory; the glory of the only begotten." We enjoyed the myth of Santa Claus, and to this day delight in the poem, "The Night Before Christmas," but Christmas was far sweeter and greater and more thrilling than man's inventions. Carefully taught by Mother, we learned long selections of praise, retelling the story ever old, ever new. No other babe, no other king, ever was clothed with such majesty.

Happy memories, blessed melodies, stately majesty of my Saviour. This is Christmas to me. What is Christmas to you? Do you know the Christ of Christmas?

"For unto you is born this day . . . a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

Do You Know the Christ of Christmas?

An Experience That Drew Me Close to the Lord

By Mrs. Benjamin Hamilton
Winona Lake, Indiana

It was mid 1941. Much of the world was engulfed in a terrible war. Although the United States was not yet officially involved, we missionaries in French Equatorial Africa were very much aware of the world situation. Such things as Free French occupation of our colony, the Zamzam experience which involved some of our missionaries, and the long and irregular intervals between mail arrivals from home were just a few of our reminders that there was a war.

In the midst of such circumstances missionaries whose furloughs were due had to decide whether to stay in Africa or try to reach home. This decision came to me. What should I do? Because of a stubborn bout with pleurisy it seemed wise for me to get out of the tropics, but I was reluctant to start out across the ocean. Should I, should I not was my daily question.

At that particular time I was reading the Psalms in my daily devotions. One day my attention was caught by a verse I'd never particularly noticed before. "They that go down to the sea in ships" (Ps. 107.23). I read with great interest the following verses which describe God's protecting care on the seas. The climax in verse 30 seemed to be the Lord's definite promise to me: "So he bringeth them unto their desired haven." Furlough plans were completed, and a few weeks later I was in Bangui waiting for a Congo River boat when we got the news of Pearl Harbor. Now the United States was directly involved, but God's promise was still there.

Those were the days of the Catalina flying boats and I'd been advised to fly home from Leopoldville, if possible. When we reached there, we found that an American freighter and a Catalina were both due in a few days. The missionary friends who had come down river with me booked passage on the freighter, and I was promised a seat on the Catalina. They went on down to the port of Matadi and took my trunks with them while I remained in Leopoldville with a minimum of baggage to await the plane.

When the Catalina arrived, after the ship had sailed, my passage was cancelled to make room for military personnel, and there I was in the Belgian Congo with no idea when another ship would be available and with practically no personal possessions, and especially no warm clothing for a mid-winter ocean voyage. A few days later a group of missionaries who had come in on the American freighter arrived at Leopoldville. As we became acquainted I discovered that one of the girls was from my father's hometown in Pennsylvania and that our parents had grown up together. She offered me her



warm clothing, which she would not need in Africa and so my needs for the trip home were supplied.

There followed two months of waiting for passage. Another friend, a Belgian Congo missionary, was also waiting. We seriously considered a trip overland to Capetown but were still in Leopoldville when another American freighter finally reached Matadi. The captain reluctantly agreed to take on two women passengers. We were the only women on board and probably the only real Christians. How thankful we were for each other!

Space does not permit me to give details of the long month that followed as our blacked-out ship zigzagged up the African coast and across the Atlantic ocean. Red glares of burning ships on the far horizon, other blacked-out ships slipping past without a sign, and the midnight challenge of a British patrol ship (it could as easily have been a German raider) kept the eight or ten men passengers in a state of fear. Yet through it all the Lord gave Esther and me a deep peace and assurance of His care. Time and again in crises as we turned to His Word, He gave us just the promise to meet the need. How precious Psalm 91 became to us. While the others on board tried to sleep wearing their lifejackets, we wrapped ourselves in Psalm 4:8, with which we usually closed our evening devotions: "I will both lay me down in peace and sleep: for thou, Lord, only maketh me dwell in safety."

The evening finally came when we stood on deck and watched the flashing lights along the New England shore. How our hearts thrilled with praise for our safe trip. But as we watched the lights, every one was suddenly blotted out by a dense fog. Not a light was visible. The ship anchored, and for two days and three nights we sat there, unable to see the length of the ship outside the submarine net—so near and yet so far. In some ways those two days were the most difficult. Finally the fog lifted, and we made our way into Fall River, Massachusetts—the "desired haven" the Lord had promised me many months before.

Throughout the trip I had had one nagging question. How would I ever find the baggage I had sent on ahead? This matter too I committed to the Lord. When the time came to go through customs, I explained my baggage situation to the official. Imagine my amazement when he said: "Oh, do those trunks belong to you? I passed them through customs and you will find them at such an address in New York." The wonder of our Lord's working for His children! With thousands of customs officials along the East Coast, surely it was not chance that sent me to the same one who had checked my friends through two months earlier.

As I went on to New York, found my trunks just where he said, and started on toward California, I realized as never before that our God is so great that He can care for every minute detail of our little lives.

Mrs. Bill Burk, WMC "Birthday Missionary" for 1962-63, joyously proclaims—

"HE HATH DEALT BOUNTIFULLY"



Compiled by Mrs. Don Wardell

"Even after living here a year we still find this a fascinating place. The children never tire of the beach and the water and only complain of nothing to do when for some reason they can't go swimming.

"Aside from the physical we have enjoyed great blessings spiritually as well during this year. We are well aware that it wasn't our effort, but the faithful prayers of the folk at home that brought these victories."

As Mrs. Bill Burk writes of her life and the leading of the Lord, her joy bubbles through every paragraph. Imogene is the oldest of the four children born into a Christian home, and she was about six when the Weston family moved to California from Oklahoma. Summer vacations became busy times—pitting apricots and peaches in the fruit drying sheds, and cutting grapes for drying into raisins. Even after school had resumed in the fall, there was more work—by the middle of October it was time for cotton picking, and they could get in several hours of work after school, and all day Saturday. "But winter eventually arrives even in sunny California," she recalls.

"When I was ten I accepted the Lord as my Saviour. During the next three years I had a Christian schoolteacher, and through him the Lord led me to realize that as a Christian my life was not my own and that the Lord had a plan for me. Missions and missionaries were unknown in our church, so I didn't have an idea of what I was to do." But once a missionary did come to their church, and from then on Imogene had in mind becoming a missionary to Africa as had been the visitor.

Carefully the Lord led Imogene to the Bible Institute of Los Angeles. "Looking back I marvel as how well He guided me, for I was completely ignorant of even the existence of such schools and knew personally no one who had ever attended one." Things did work out, and "not yet eighteen," she found herself in Biola.

"I enjoyed everything about the school except its location. I'm a country bumpkin through and through, and the noise, dirt, and confusion of downtown Los Angeles was something to which I never became accustomed. However, even that was made more bearable when I became acquainted with a native son and began to see the place through his eyes. His name was Bill." Their acquaintance soon became much more than a friendship, but because of school restrictions they did not announce their engagement for two years.

Imogene began to learn much about mission needs and organizations, and through Bill she became acquainted with The Brethren Church and other Brethren students. "At that time there was no Brethren work in Brazil, and we had made preliminary application to another board. Then the Altigs went to Brazil, and when Mrs. Altig was at home with Steve we had a talk with her. We knew when we left our interview with her that we would no longer be going with another mission."

In 1950, following Bill and Imogene's third year at Biola, the Brethren National Conference was held in Long Beach. They were interviewed by the Foreign Board. Recommendation was made that they take work at Grace rather than complete their Biola courses, and things happened rapidly after that. "About two weeks later, on September 3, we were married and the next day we boarded a train for Winona Lake, Indiana."

In Winona Lake the newlyweds attended school together for a year. Then during the three years that Bill was in seminary, Linda and Arthur joined the Burk family. And finally, after many preparations and deputation work, seminary graduation, and a trip back to California, "we sailed from New York harbor on Bill's birthday, August 5, 1954."

Once in Brazil, there was the language to study—experiences in working on the different stations—and some exploratory trips among the Amazon islands by Bill. The island people gradually "became acquainted enough to be willing to hear what this new religion was about. Superstitious and almost completely illiterate, they were anxious to hear but slow to understand and accept."

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WMC News

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA–ARIZONA. The fall conference was held at the Temple City Church on October 18. The theme of the day was "Pioneering With the Word" and was carried through the morning by each participant on the program by wearing a white bonnet and large white collar. As each lady came onto the platform, she stepped from a covered wagon into a pioneer home. Here we had a regular monthly meeting. Mrs. Althea Miller very capably led us in our song service, and Mary Hill sang two beautiful solos.

Margaret Painter, writer of the devotional topics for this year, brought the devotional, "Kept by the Word."

Dr. L. L. Grubb brought us a wonderful home-mission challenge. He thanked all the WMC women for all the help of past years in so many ways in the field of home missions. He also told us of the great need for churches in Los Angeles and Orange counties with the great influx of people into these areas. We were told that there is no money to start any new churches this year.

Mrs. Chauncey Sheldon opened the afternoon session with prayer and greetings from Africa. The wives of new pastors in the district were introduced, and each was questioned as to her call as a wife or as a pastor's wife. Mrs. Althea Miller sang a beautiful solo just before Mrs. Loree Sickel brought us greetings from Argentina and told us of the open door in that country at this time. They have more liberty than ever before, and the people themselves have changed their attitudes toward the Evangelicals. She reminded us that communism is our greatest adversary not only in Latin America, but also here in the United States. She closed with this challenge: "We need real sacrifice among our people. Christ gave everything—His life and separation from God, that we might have life eternal. Am I doing all I can do? Are you?"

There were 215 ladies in attendance, 161 delegates with $102.20 credential offering which will go to help with the upkeep of the Missionary Residences in Winona Lake, Indiana. Another $595 was given toward our project offering—a car for France. We need only $285 more to finish this project.

We thank the Lord for His goodness and special blessings to us as we are "Kept by the Power of God."

—Helen Soverns, assistant district secretary

INDIANA DISTRICT. The WMC fall rally was held at Berne, Indiana, on October 18. Weather was crisp and cool, but when we took our salads, or desserts, to the lower auditorium we were immediately transported to the beautiful land of Hawaii. Palm trees, pineapples, leis, and orchids were used everywhere as decorations.



Hawaiian theme as it was carried out in decorations.

Our district project offering for the past year was to be equally divided between Hawaii and France, so our challenge for the day was given by Mrs. Tom Julien. She showed us pictures of the French people, how they live, what they eat, and so forth. Then presenting their spiritual needs, she stressed our responsibility to continue earnestly to pray for our missionaries who are taking the Word of Life to them.

In the afternoon our district officers presented a skit that was delightful, and perhaps just a bit embarrassing. They acted out a WMC meeting where no time had been spent ahead in planning with the result that all topics were read and general confusion seemed to be the note of the evening. A 'visitor' sat unnoticed until the close of the meeting. (Ever happen to you?)

We do praise the Lord for a beautiful day and a wonderful rally!

—Mrs. Herman Schumacher, president

IOWA DISTRICT. The WMC fall rally was held October 18, 1962 at Waterloo, Iowa, with the *theme*—"Kept by the Power of God."

Coffee Hour—served by the Waterloo ladies from 9:00 until 9:30 a.m. as a gathering time for the travelers.

Song time—chorister—Mrs. V .W. Schrock, Pianist—Mrs. John Aeby.

Morning Devotions—presented by the ladies of North English.

Business—District president, Mrs. Ray Andrews, gave special recognition to the ladies who had read their Bible through in the past year and expressed regret that the award pins had not arrived in time to be handed out at the rally. Mrs. J. Lloyd Wenger, of the Dallas Center WMC, was awarded a special pin for having read her Bible through for five consecutive years.

District project chairman, Mary Emmert, gave a report on the proposed project for the year. It is to supply the sum of $150 for a new adding machine and $50 for a communion set for the Brazil field. It was further suggested that each council be given a goal to be met by January 1963, the amount of the goal to be decided.

Mrs. Nelson Fay, missionary to Argentina, was a guest and gave a short talk on "Teaching the Word of God and His Love."

Mrs. Abodeely, of the Cedar Rapids council, presented a lovely number in song.

Mrs. Orville Jobson, retired missionary to Africa, spoke of the work she and her husband had carried on in that land. Needs were presented and prayer was requested for each need. Some of the needs were: Need for literature, workers, material supplies for the educational field, youth work, and radio work. Mrs. Jobson

closed with a poem, "Stir on to Flame."

Get acquainted time was in charge of Mrs. John Aeby and Mrs. Russell Carter. The ladies were divided into four groups according to individual birthdays. After a brief talk, prayer requests were given out and these four groups were dismissed into separate rooms for ten minutes of prayer. The ladies stayed in their birthday groups during the lovely lunch that followed, which was served by the good cooks of the Waterloo council.

The afternoon session of the rally was opened with a song service. Devotions were given by the Leon council, and Mrs. Jesse Deloe, of Dallas Center, presented a musical selection.

Dr. and Mrs. Orville Jobson were the afternoon speakers, and they showed slides of the work in Africa. The rally was closed with a prayer of thanksgiving by Mrs. Ray Andrews.

—Mrs. Russell Carter

YAKIMA, WASHINGTON. This picture was taken at a baby shower given Pastor and Mrs. Howard Mayes in the home of Mrs. Nan Ingalsbe by the ladies of the WMC. The date was also the birthday of Mrs. Mayes and a surprise birthday cake was served. The men were our guests and thirty people were present. An evening of games and fellowship was enjoyed by all.

—Mrs. Charles S. Ashman
WMC president



Rev. and Mrs. Howard Mayes

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS FOR FEBRUARY

AFRICA—

Miss Lois Miller February 21
Mission Evangelique, Yaloke via Bangui, Central African Republic

ARGENTINA—

Mrs. Jack B. Churchill February 2
Remedios de Escalada 74, Rio Tercero, F.C.B.M., Prov. Cordoba, Argentina, S. A.

Mrs. Robert J. Cover February 16
Reconquista 178, Corral de Bustos, F.C.N.G.B.M., Argentina, S. A.

David Andrew Churchill February 26, 1962
Remedios de Escalada 74, Rio Tercero, F.C.B.M., Prov. Cordoba, Argentina, S. A.

BRAZIL—

Linda Christine Burk February 24, 1952
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil, S. A.

Mrs. J. Keith Altig February 26
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil, S. A.

MEXICO—

Linda Marlene Edmiston February 11, 1948
519 Sunset Lane, San Ysidro, California, U.S.A.

NORTHWEST DISTRICT. Mr. and Mrs. Le Roy Sharpe, of Grandview, Washington, took 1736 gallons of fruit canned by the WMC ladies to the Navajo Mission. The Northwest district also canned seventy-two gallons of fruits and vegetables for the district Youth camp. The Harrah WMC canned an additional twenty gallons for a Mission in Yakima. Several boxes of clothing were sent at this time for the Navajo Mission. A large box of homemade soap was also made and sent to the Mission.

—Mrs. Garret Schilperoort
Vice President, project chairman

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He Hath . . .

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Their first term ended and they had a year's furlough in the States. "In October after our return, Timothy Roy joined the family much to the delight of our Brazilian believers. They are sure he must be a little smarter and a lot prettier than Art and Linda because he is a Brazilian. My visits [to the islands] only made my desire to work with this people stronger, so I was very happy when circumstances a year ago led us to move here where I was at last in the midst of the people. Kenny Paul was only six weeks old when we all got into the *Vamos* [our boat] and started to our new home . . . Even though the tropics are supposed to be hard on white children, two healthier, livelier youngsters would be hard to find than our two 'Brazilians.'"

Imogene adds a note of interest to say that her sister, just younger than she, is also a missionary. She and her husband and two little boys live on the island of Okinawa and work with the Far East Broadcasting Company. They are happy as it seems the furloughs of these folks and the Burks will coincide next year.

"And the moral of my story," says Mrs. Burk, "is that I think the Lord has blessed us exceedingly in every way. During our first deputation before coming to the field, I often quoted the verse in Psalm 13:6: 'I will sing unto the Lord, because he hath dealt bountifully with me.' He is still dealing bountifully and I am still singing." How we can praise the Lord for the happy testimony of this missionary, who bears witness to the working our our faithful God in answer to a backing of prayer!

My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.
Psalm 5:3



KEEP LOOKING UP

LOOKING TO JESUS . . . IN FREMONT, OHIO

By Mrs. Granville Tucker

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord" (I Cor. 15:58).

Did you know that God is very much interested in the feet of every one of His children? He wants each of us to be steadfastly abounding in His work. This means carrying the Gospel of His Son, Jesus Christ, to unbelieving people whether right around the corner or in far away countries. That is why God is interested in each child's feet.

This might sound strange to us because a person's feet do not mean very much to us. But every Christian's feet are important to God. He uses big feet, little feet, fat feet, and skinny feet! The Bible tells us: "How beautiful are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings." Idle feet are of no use to Him, but feet which are swift to serve Jesus Christ are God's delight, and He considers them beautiful. How do you use your feet for Christ? Are you steadfast and always abounding in the work of the Lord, or are your feet idle, of no use to Christ's purpose for you?

Several years ago an Auca Indian girl named Dayuma in the jungles of Ecuador fled from her home because some of her tribesmen were seeking to take her life. These were some of the same people who killed the five missionaries who first tried to reach her tribe for Christ. Dayuma determined never to go back to her people again.



Mrs. Granville Tucker

A few years passed before Dayuma came into contact with the Gospel. The sister of one of the murdered missionaries witnessed to her. In time she became converted and set about to serve her Lord and Saviour.

As Dayuma learned more and more about Christ and the performance of His will, she realized that she must return to her people and tell them about Jesus. These feet that hastily fled from her home were steadfastly set to return in obedience to the will of God. Dayuma has been preaching Christ to her people ever since. And she has been abounding for Christ.

While Jesus was here on earth He steadfastly sought to do the will of His Father in heaven. He set the example for every Christian to follow. He was always abounding in the work for which God had sent Him. No problem was too small for Him to solve and no place was too far for Him to go.

Now that Jesus is back in heaven with God and His angels, He cannot personally preach salvation to the lost. He leaves this task to us to finish for Him. He depends upon your feet and mine to go for Him. Jesus has purposely limited himself so that you and I might share His joy when unsaved people accept Him as their personal Lord and Saviour. Jesus, therefore, wants us to serve Him steadfastly so that as many people as possible may learn about Him.

Jesus cannot return to the earth until all nations have heard of Him. Therefore, He wants us to remain steadfast in His service, always abounding in His work so that His Gospel will reach every heart and life. We should be ready to go anywhere for Him.

Reporting!

WINCHESTER, VIRGINIA—The Senior-Middler girls will meet this month with the ladies of the WMC. Their purpose is to be better acquainted with the ladies and to learn more of the work of WMC. They are also having competition between their Mary and Martha groups to see who can bring the most visitors during the year.

WAYNESBORO, PENNSYLVANIA—The Senior SMM of the First Brethren Church had a Halloween Party at their monthly meeting. Everyone dressed up in costumes and had to be identified before the meeting began.

ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA—The district SMM rally was held here in November. Sixty-three were present to hear Mrs. Rose Foster, retired missionary to Africa of the Brethren Foreign Missionary Society.

RITTMAN, OHIO—The Senior SMM cleaned the church nursery. They washed, scrubbed, and waxed just about everything. They also purchased paper cup dispensers for the two new restrooms and nursery.

MANSFIELD, OHIO—From the Woodville Grace Brethren Church we hear that the Senior girls will buy twenty new hymnbooks for the church. The SMM is in the process of raising money for their district project, the furnishing of a room in the new girls' dormitory at Grace College. They are distributing Christmas cards to members of the church.

AKRON (ELLET), OHIO—The Senior SMM, in cooperation with the Middlers and Juniors, are busy planning for the fall district rally. Mrs. Charles Turner will be speaking, and the girls will provide the music and devotional program. Also they are using "Never a Dull Moment" as part of their monthly program.

The Junior SMM is having a wonderful time learning to embroider. For their local project they are making a nursery quilt. They have invited a mother to each meeting, and the girls enjoy introducing their mothers. They have almost all their dental bibs cut and more than two-thirds of the girls are keeping their Mary Goals. A slumber party is being planned for next month.

ELYRIA, OHIO—The Middler SMM sponsored a singspiration for everyone. It was a great time of blessing.

ASHLAND, OHIO—During the year the Middler girls enjoyed visiting with a shut-in and taking her flowers and fruits. All of the girls participated in teaching or helping in Bible school, too.

MIDDLEBRANCH, OHIO—The combined Sisterhood girls of the First Brethren Church had charge of a Sunday evening service. Their purpose was to acquaint the members of the church with SMM—its aim, goals, and accomplishments. The girls sang, gave testimonies and presented the new theme with visual aids and memory verses. One of the highlights was the presentation of the newly reorganized Little Sisters. The service closed with a short history of SMM and its growth by Mrs.

THEME CHORUS—1962-63

KEEP LOOKING UP

Ruth Burns — R. S. Burns



We, the Sisterhood of Mary and Martha of The Brethren Church, thank you, Rev. and Mrs. Ralph S. Burns for this fine chorus.

T. R. Henning, national patroness, and a challenging devotional talk by Mrs. Wesley Haller.

MARTINSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA—Earlier this year the Middler and Senior groups presented a program to the entire church. Their purpose was to stress the work of SMM and also to celebrate the birthday of Sisterhood. One of the girls wrote the skit that was presented and each participated. They later had the candlelight (consecration) service with the WMC. They are now trying to meet a goal of twenty-five dollars for home missions.

Suggested Program for January

Bible Study:
"Keep Looking Up . . . in Steadfastness"
Junior—Miss Gail Jones
Middler—Mrs. Glenn Baker
Senior—Mrs. Donald Cale

Memory Verse:
I Corinthians 15:58

Mission Study:
"Looking to Jesus . . . in Fremont, Ohio"
Mrs. Granville Tucker

Emblem:
Feet



From Your National Officers

Have a Merry Christmas as you commemorate the birth of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ! We are looking forward to this coming new year with anticipation, expecting great blessing as we serve our Lord together.

Additions and Corrections

1. The home-mission's offering for the support of La-Donna Smith is due December 10. If you have not sent your offering, do so as soon as possible. Let's meet our goal of $1,000!

2. To the East and Midwest districts, remember to send your news items to the national editor, Rosalie Ash, before December 15, 1962.

3. In the October issue it was stated that the six surgical wrappers could be made out of two and one half yards of unbleached muslin (Middler Martha Goal 1). This should have read five yards since the wrappers must be double squares. Since this is somewhat expensive, you may want to solicit the help of your local WMC. Some have already expressed a desire to help in this way.

PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Ask God to teach you how to present your feet as a part of that living sacrifice which is acceptable to Him.

2. Pray that you and each of your friends will be "stedfast, *always* abounding in the work of the Lord."

3. Pray that God will teach each girl to be an example of keeping the New Year for Him, and that it will be a year in which each girl will grow deeper in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ.

BRETHREN DAY OF PRAYER—SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

Praise and Prayer

GRACE SEMINARY, COLLEGE

PRAY for continued progress on, and open weather for, the Girl's Dormitory building project.

PRAY for the Seminary and College students as they go to their homes over the Christmas holidays that their testimony may give evidence of spiritual growth.

PRAY for the faculty and public relations department as they seek to contact the churches during December and January in the interest of Grace Schools.

PRAY that the Schools' testimony may grow in favor with the local community and businessmen.

HOME MISSIONS

PRAY for the house-to-house visitation of our missionaries taking the Gospel to our Lord's chosen people in Los Angeles, California.

PRAISE God for the families being reached for Christ in home-mission churches in response to their family goal.

PRAY for a number of parents to be reached for Christ through the contacts of the many Christmas programs in our Brethren home-mission churches.

PRAY for the new officers assuming new responsibilities at the beginning of 1963 in Brethren home-mission churches.

PRAY for revival in 1963.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRAY that the new Handbook issued at the National Sunday School Convention may be of value to our teachers and officers.

PRAY for the itineration of our Sunday-school director.

PRAY that many of our Southeast District Sunday-school members shall be able to attend the National Sunday School Association Convention in Miami in January.

PRAY that more individuals shall be concerned about the spiritual welfare of those outside the Sunday school, and endeavor to win them to Christ.

PRAY that the financial needs of the National Sunday School Board might be met through Brethren Sunday schools.

LAYMEN

PRAY for the officers of the local laymen's groups.

PRAY that God will lead each local group into a soul-winning ministry.

PRAY for the national officers and their efforts.

PRAY for the various projects and the Scholarship Fund in particular.

PRAY for the souls of men.

SMM

PRAY for the "Little Sisters" groups.

PRAY for the ones writing the programs for next year.

PRAY that each patroness will be a good testimony to the girls in her group.

WMC

PRAY that more women in our churches may become interested in WMC.

PRAY that souls may be won to the Lord through WMC.

PRAY for our local, district, and national officers.

PRAY that the new works started in the Michigan District may soon have a WMC.

PRAY for those who have the responsibility of making out the lesson material that they might be led of the Lord in this important work.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

PRAY for the Lord's guidance and direction in the field council meeting to be held in Africa, January 1-11, as the missionaries make plans for the coming year.

PRAY for Sunday-school teachers in Capanema, Brazil, to replace those who have had to move away because of their work.

PRAISE God for the buildings and campgrounds in Argentina, and for the interest on the part of the Argentine believers in this work. Pray for a real spirit-filled camp program which will be held during January.

PRAY for the Christmas choir, and programs which will be held in Puerto Rico, that many unsaved will attend and hear the Gospel.

PRAY for Mr. and Mrs. Jean Isch, whose testimonies appear in this magazine, as they serve the Lord at the "Centre Evangelique" in Lyon, France.

YOUTH

PRAY for the Youth Evangelism Team and its ministry.

PRAY for National Youth Week January 27 through February 3, that the youth programs in our churches may get off to a good start.

PRAY for the need of summer missionaries for next summer. Pray that God would lay that burden on the hearts of some of our young people.

PRAY for a very special need which our office has at this time that the Lord will supply in His way and in His time.

BRETHREN MISSIONARY HERALD

PRAISE the Lord for increased sales in the College Bookstore during the past few months.

PRAY for the Lord's direction as the readers of the *Brethren Missionary Herald* vote in December concerning a change to a bi-weekly Herald in color.

PRAY for the Lord's blessing upon the proposed monthly publication of a *Brethren Clergy Journal* intended for Brethren ministers beginning January 15, 1963.

TRACT DISTRIBUTION SERVICE

By Harold E. Nicholson



Above are pictured three posters used in the special service on tract distribution, held recently at the Meyersdale Brethren Church. Left poster is made up of personal testimony tracards, the American Tract Society's latest approach to tracts. In the center is the tract of the decade, "The Best Thing in Life," and on the right is shown widely used salvation tracts, including "Safety, Certainty and Enjoyment." They are printed in twelve languages.

A unique service, concerning a very unique ministry, was conducted on a recent Sunday evening at the Meyersdale Brethren Church, Meyersdale, Pennsylvania.

Depicted was the—How, Where, and Why of Tract Distribution. The service featured a number of display posters. Presentation came after several months of information gathering by pastor William H. Snell. "My interest in tracts," commented Pastor Snell, "dates back to 1948, during my high school days."

Along with the pastor, two laymen took part in the service, with several others who prepared the posters and typed script. Art work on the display posters was done by Mrs. Volney Baldwin of Hornell, New York. Typing was done by Mrs. Walter Witt, wife of one of the laymen who took part in the program.

Layman Don West discussed first the "How of Tract Distribution," using the art of fishing to illustrate his subject. He described the fundamental basics of fishing as: angler, bait, and catch. He likened the fishing basics to three requirements for tract distribution: find, tell, and bring.

Mr. West further pointed out that it is primary to have tact, not talent for tract distribution. He also stated that you must be passionate, polite, persistent, and prepared.

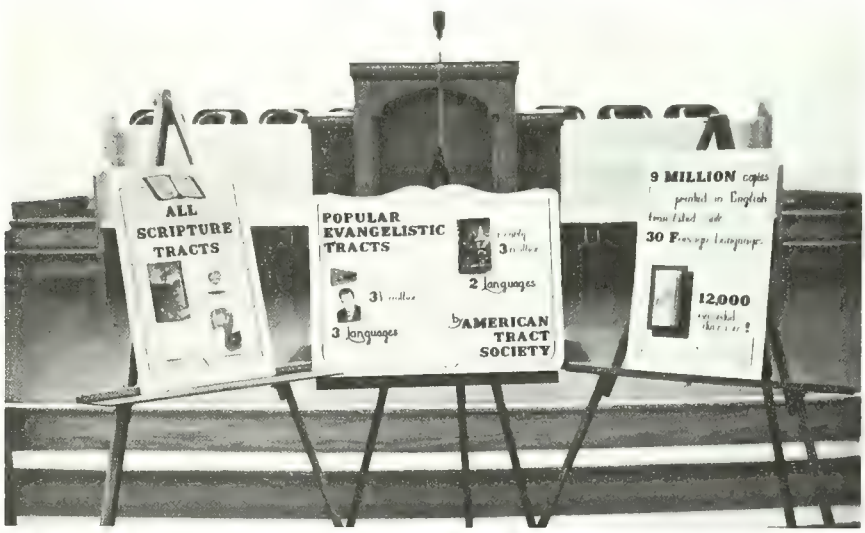
The "Where of Tract Distribution" was presented by Walter Witt. He started by saying that tracts can "go everywhere." Tracts know no fear, they never tire, can be multiplied easily and can travel at little expense.

Tracts can be used any time, commented Mr. Witt, are not limited by distance, and can be used any place. No place is too odd, or out of the way for the Holy Spirit to use gospel tracts as a medium to bring sinners to Christ.

Several startling examples were pointed out, including that of a diver who found a tract at the bottom of a body of water and as a result was saved.

Pastor Snell gave the "Why of Tract Distribution." He remarked: "If we can judge by the effect that a tract has had upon the lives of many, it is very evident that it can be a powerful weapon in the hands of enthusiastic workers."

He further pointed out that tracts are spiritual, practical, desirable, and



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they are fruitful. He used actual experiences to properly illustrate each point.

The final part of the service was an explanation of the tract displays by Pastor Snell.

Tracts displayed included: "The Best Thing In Life," called the tract of the decade by Good News Publishers. "What Must I Do To Be Saved," a tract that has resulted in thousands of decisions and has been translated into thirty foreign languages.

The tract "Safety, Certainty and Enjoyment," by George Cutting, was displayed. This has been widely used in salvation and establishing of souls. It is printed in twelve languages and has a very colorful cover.

Popular evangelistic tracts of the American Tract Society including "Are You Ready to Meet God?" and "Which Church Saves" were shown. The first has been printed in three and a half million copies and in three languages. It is written by Billy Graham. Nearly three million copies of the second have been printed in two languages by Oswald J. Smith.

Other displays included all-scripture tracts and the American Tract Society's latest approach to tracts, tracards. These feature personal testimonies of well-known personalities for virtually every field, including sports and entertainment.

Other samples displayed on benches, tables, and the bulletin boards of the church were from: American Tract Society, Good News Publishers, Faith, Prayer and Tract League, Moody Press, Concordia Tract Mission, Herald Press, and Chicago Tract Society.

Present at the service were Miss Ruth Bollman, a missionary to India, whose parents live in Meyersdale, and Dr. Sheela Gupta, a native doctor from India. Both are on furlough from the mission field. To add a missionary touch to the tract service, Miss Bollman displayed tracts from India.

The service was very well received according to all indications and resulted in practically all loose tracts being taken for distribution by those in attendance. It is felt that this service could prove very enriching for other churches in the brotherhood.

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CHURCH NEWS

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COMPTON, CALIF. The young people of the Fremont Avenue Brethren Church of South Pasadena were the guests of the young people of the First Brethren Church here on Sat. Nov. 10. The purpose of the get-together was to gain quizzing experience for participation in the National Youth Achievement Competition program. Rev. Doug Bray and Rev. Edwin Cashman are cooperating pastors in this venture. Gordon Austin is serving as Youth director of the First Brethren Church.

WASHINGTON, D. C. Six persons were baptized and received into the membership of the First Brethren Church on Nov. 11. Dr. W. A. Ogden is pastor.

TAOS, N. MEX. The Canon Brethren Church was host to a community Thanksgiving service on Nov. 22. Sam Horney, president of the Taos Ministerial Alliance, was host pastor.

WAYNESBORO, PA. There were seven confessions of Christ and 16 rededications of life at the Redd Harper revival meetings held at the First Brethren Church in November. The average attendance for the nine services was 168. Robert Crees is pastor.

PARKERSBURG, W. VA. A Bible conference on stewardship with Rev. and Mrs. Leo Polman of the Brethren Financial Planning Service was held at the Grace Brethren Church during Nov. 11-14. Richard Placeway is pastor.

JOHNSTOWN, PA. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Blough, members of the First Brethren Church, who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Nov. 24.

SACRAMENTO, CALIF. The third anniversary of the Grace Brethren Church, Conard Sandy, pastor, was observed on Nov. 11, with a carry-in basket dinner and a special homecoming service.

LA VERNE, CALIF. Dr. L. L. Grubb, secretary of the Brethren Home Missions Council, presented the home-mission challenge Nov. 7 to the First Brethren Church. Dr. Elias White, pastor.

LIMESTONE, TENN. The Vernon Brethren Church conducted a two-weeks revival meeting during Oct. 14-28 with Richard E. Grant, editor of the *Brethren Missionary Herald* as evangelist. The average attendance for the two weeks was 140. There were 12 decisions in the meetings; five for salvation and seven for rededication. Two weeks after the revival services there were other decisions for rededication and church membership. Ten persons were baptized on Nov. 11. Lester E. Kennedy is pastor.

WESTERNPORT, MD. The Mill Run Church (an independent church) unanimously voted on Nov. 7 to become a Brethren church affiliated with the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. This new church will be known as the "Mill Run Grace Brethren Church." Rev. James F. Hoffmeyer has been serving this church as pastor since last January.

INGLEWOOD, CALIF. The First Brethren Church, Richard DeArmey, pastor, conducted a youth-arama Nov. 25 through 30. Ken Overstreet, feature editor of *Campus Magazine* and director of San Diego Youth for Christ clubs, was the featured speaker. Highlights of the week were a giant musical kick-off with outstanding musicians, a free spaghetti splash, a teen clinic, a free taco dinner, and an authentic Chinese dinner.

BELL, CALIF. The new addition to the Bell Brethren Church was dedicated on Nov. 18. Dr. Glenn O'Neal, Southern California-Arizona District secretary, delivered the dedicatory address. Harold Dunning is pastor.

STOYSTOWN, PA. Leonard Bennett, pastor of the Reading Brethren Church, reports twenty first-time confessions, three rededications, and a high attendance of 96 for one of the evening services during the October evangelistic crusade with Rev. James Clinton of Ansonville, Pa.

WATERLOO, IOWA. A men and boys meeting was held at Grace Brethren Church, John Aeby, pastor, on Nov. 27. Mr. Oakie Brumm, coach of the Waterloo Black Hawk's hockey team, was the featured speaker.

PHOENIX, ARIZ. Elias Zimmerman, Jewish missionary with the American Board of Missions to the Jews, spoke on "How the Son of a Rabbi Found Christ in Russia" at the Grace Brethren Church on Oct. 21.

WOOSTER, OHIO. "The Grace Notes" from Grace College presented a musical program at the Thanksgiving Youth Banquet which was sponsored by the First Brethren Church on Nov. 17. Kenneth Ashman is pastor.

CHANGES: Rev. and Mrs. Forrest Jackson, 1655 Earlham Dr., Dayton 6, Ohio. Chaplain and Mrs. Orville A. Lorenz, 5855 Dupas Street, (Wainright Heights) Kileen, Tex. New phone number for Rev. and Mrs. Wendell Kent is 343-2227; church phone is 366-7040.

PALMYRA, PA. Edward Lewis, pastor of Grace Brethren Church, reports the largest communion service in the history of the church recently when 146 were in attendance.

HOMERVILLE, OHIO. The West Homer Brethren Church broke ground on Oct. 14 for the new addition to their church. The building is

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Donald Carter, Chaplain
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Wesley Haller, Middlebranch, Ohio
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Gerald Kelley, New Troy, Mich.

presently under construction. Pastor Robert Holmes reports that his home was broken into and ransacked on Nov. 12. The pastor writes, "They went throughout the house ransacking it for money—how foolish in a preacher's house."

PHOENIX, ARIZ. Russell Konves, of Indio, Calif. has accepted the call to become pastor of the Grace Brethren Church.

LANCASTER, PA. The W.M.C. ladies of the Grace Brethren Church held their regular meeting during the Thanksgiving season. The ladies all wore aprons, and the leaders all dressed in Pilgrim costumes. William Tweeddale, pastor.

FORT WAYNE, IND. Glenn Crabb, pastor of Grace Brethren Church, reports an all-time high attendance of 142 in Sunday school on Nov. 11.

OSCEOLA, IND. A new rally day attendance of 326 was recorded at Bethel Brethren Church on Nov. 18. There were 298 people in the morning worship service. Scott Weaver, pastor.

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA. A. Harold Arrington, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, was the special speaker at the community Thanksgiving service at the Scott Memorial Church.

CONEMAUGH, PA. The Conemaugh Brethren Church held a combination reception and anniversary celebration for Pastor Don K. Rager and his family. Rev. and Mrs. Rager observed their twenty-third wedding anniversary on Nov. 25.

BARBERTON, OHIO

This letter is to thank the *Missionary Herald* family for remembering the First Brethren Church in prayer for our Second Anniversary Evangelistic Crusade from October 24 through November 4 with the Emmons Crusaders, of Winona Lake, Indiana.

We praise the Lord for twelve children who confessed Christ as Saviour as a result of Mrs. Emmons' work with the children each night. In addition to this, a father confessed Christ as his Saviour and later in the week brought his brother and family along to church. This brother has not made a decision as yet. There were eighteen other decisions of rededication to scriptural practices in the Christian life. Attendance at all services averaged sixty-four.

We do believe that we experienced a revival in the whole church. Recently we had 100 percent attendance of our Sunday-school staff at the monthly worker's conference for the first time since I became pastor. Also we set a goal for ourselves of $300 as a love gift to the Emmons Crusaders and our offerings totaled $318. I believe these are signs of revival. In addition to these concrete evidences, there is a revival spirit in the church and a love for one another which is precious.

Robert Wm. Markley, pastor

HAGERSTOWN, MD.

Rev. Bob Collitt was the evangelist at the Calvary Brethren Church during October 31 to November 11. There were sixty-seven decisions made during the meeting: twelve first-time decisions for Christ as Saviour; three for assurance of salvation; four to become soul-winners; forty-six rededications; two for baptism.

We at Calvary believe that God visited us in a special way during the meeting. For all of this we can say with the songwriter: "To God be the glory, great things He has done"! The church gave Brother Collitt a love gift of $475 for the Board of Evangelism.

Jack Peters, pastor

BE SURE TO VOTE!

This color issue of the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is the first of two trial editions to be published during the month of December. The Brethren Missionary Herald Company and its cooperating boards are endeavoring to learn the mind of our Fellowship concerning a proposed change to a bi-weekly in color.

A self-addressed, postage paid ballot will be enclosed in your December 22 issue of the *Brethren Missionary Herald*. Your vote on the ballot will indicate your reaction to this proposed change. The Herald Company desires your reaction. Do you prefer a bi-weekly in color, or the traditional black and white weekly magazine? Please answer this question with an X on your ballot, and mail the card as soon as possible after you receive your December 22 issue.

Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Beverly Joan Myers and Roger Gaunt, Nov. 24, at the Bethel Brethren Church, Berne, Ind.

Marie Ritzert and Jerry Carr, Oct. 20, at the Community Grace Brethren Church, Warsaw, Ind.

Elaine Helvie and Roger C. Thieme, Nov. 24, at the Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio.

ENDS EARTHLY PILGRIMAGE

Notices of death appearing in this column must be sumbitted in writing by a pastor.

WITTER, Mrs. Mary Viola, 85, went to be with the Lord on Nov. 16. She was the last charter member of the Bethel Brethren Church, Berne, Ind. Funeral services were conducted at the church by the pastor. Kenneth Russell, pastor.

DEETER, Harley, 71, went to be with the Lord on Oct. 25. He was a member of the First Brethren Church of Clay City, Ind. Funeral services were conducted by the pastor.

R. L. Rossman, pastor.

MORRIS, Mrs. Lydia Grace, 82, went to be with her Lord on Oct. 28. She was a member of the First Brethren Church of Clay City, Ind., almost from its beginning. Funeral services were conducted by the pastor, assisted by Rev. C. A. Flowers of Alto, Mich.

R. L. Rossman, pastor.

Youth Page

...of the **Brethren Youth Council**

Compiled by Dave Hocking, National Youth Director

National Youth Week

The dates for 1963 are January 27 through February 3. This can be a great week in every Brethren church, but it takes a lot of prayer, preparation, and publicity. The theme for this year is "On Call," a whole week centering around the theme of stewardship. The Scripture is from Matthew 25:14-30. This week can be an excellent time for inviting teen-agers who are unsaved to visit your church, and share in all the activities of this great week of youth emphasis. It only comes once a year, and its importance in the lives of teen-agers cannot be over-estimated. The church bulletins for this week will feature "youth" and special youth offering envelopes will be provided. Prepare now!

Mile-of-Dimes

This is a campaign for teen-age missionary giving. Young people in each church are given dime folders, and the young person in the winning church in each district, plus the winning church, receive awards in recognition of contributing the most "feet-of-dimes." Projects are selected each year at the national youth conference. This year we have selected to finance the re-surfacing of the parking lot for the Taos, New Mexico Youth Center.

Another project is the support of the tuition and rent for the Phil Guerena family, our missionaries to Mexico. Each project receives a third of the income from each dime folder. The remaining third being used for the support of our youth publications, *The Teenage Times*, and *The University Letter*.

Statistics That Challenge

Did you know that one out of every five people in The Brethren Church is a teen-ager? Are you also aware that approximately one out of every twenty members in The Brethren Church is a college student?

It is so important that we keep in contact with this great number of young people in our church. To do this, it requires work. The publishing each month of the *Teenage Times* and the *University Letter* helps in this great task, but so much more needs to be done. Pray with us each month as we write and print these papers, and pray that the Lord will increase our vision with each new day.



Rev. and Mrs. Phil Guerena and family



Taos Youth Building

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SPECIAL GRACE SCHOOLS CHRISTMAS SECTION

COMMUNION WITHIN CONFINES OF A PENITENTIARY

TO MAKE THE CHRISTMAS STORY NEW

by Kristy Larson



Editorials

By L. L. Grubb



Make Christmas Christian!

Little observation is necessary to see that Christmas, aside from the singing of a few Christmas carols and perhaps a special church program for the children, has been largely divested of its true significance. The modern celebration is designed primarily to please the members of our families and our friends.

Jesus Christ should be the *focal point* of all Christmas activity. It is His birth we are celebrating. Regardless of the background of Christmas emphasis or our convictions as to exactly when Jesus was born (nobody has enough documented information to know this), Christmas should be made a time of great spiritual benefit and blessing.

In II Corinthians 9:15 we read from the pen of Paul: "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift." God gave the best gift He possessed in order that the human race might be blessed. Jesus Christ, God's gift, was born of a virgin and through the normal, human processes of growth became a man. Wherever He went on earth He gave. The sick, blind, crippled, and deaf were healed. Some were raised from the dead. Then, bringing to a glorious climax His purpose in providing redemption, He died on the cross and three days later arose from the dead. Today in heaven He is the Saviour and Intercessor for all who receive Him.

Everything about the coming of Christ was on a "gift" basis. "For God so loved the world, that he *gave* his only-begotten Son" (John 3:16). "[Christ] *gave* himself for our sins (Gal. 1:4). "Christ . . . who *gave* himself for us" (Titus 2:14). In Romans 5 in the short span of four verses He is spoken of six times as God's perfect gift to men.

How humbling it is to realize that even though God owed us nothing but His wrath and judgment, still in mercy and grace He gave us the finest gift of all—His Son.

God gave His Son that we might be blessed *spiritually!* Nothing about the birth of Christ indicated an emphasis on the material with the exception of the gifts from the Magi. He was born in a manger of poor parents. In all of His experience and ministry on earth, Jesus Christ never was known to possess any abundance of material possessions. He took a coin from a fish's mouth to pay His taxes. He borrowed a colt for His entrance to Jerusalem. In death He was buried in a borrowed tomb. Indeed, He was poor in material things.

How strange it is in view of these facts that much of the activity of the Christmas season centers in the material, rather than the spiritual, realm. Frantically we scurry around gathering our presents for each other. We spend large sums of money on Christmas cards. We prepare and eat sumptuous meals. The pressures of the season are so great that often we hear: "I am certainly glad that Christmas is over!" What a tragedy! Commercialized, materialized, humanized, Christmas in the Christian home has little semblance to its basic meaning. This is wrong and God will certainly judge His children for adulterating the holy purposes involved in the birth of Christ.

We do not mean that it is wrong to give gifts to our friends and loved ones at Christmas time if this is done on the right basis and in the right spirit. But, when our own personal desires eclipse the main spiritual emphasis, then the Christmas celebration becomes mere human emotion and exercise.

It must be very displeasing to God, and it must grieve the heart of Christ, when believers make our Lord's birthday more of a *holiday* than a *holy day.*

Christmas is a time to give to Christ. He wants us more than anything else. He desires our love, devotion, and loyalty. He wants our faithful service. He wants material gifts that the redemption Christ came to provide might be known to all men.

Let us make Christmas Christian this year!

Ambassadors for Christ

All believers are to be carriers of the gospel message. For this reason we are in the world and not in heaven. But some are called by God to do this in a special way. Many of these servants of God are being trained in our own Grace Seminary and College at Winona Lake, Indiana. In a real and spiritual sense they will be the leaders of tomorrow's Brethren church. Support of our schools is, therefore, doubly important.

December and January for many years have been months when we give a special offering to Grace Seminary and College. This year again the needs are great. Gifts are necessary to support the school's operational personnel and faculty. Gifts and investment funds are needed for the completion of the new college dormitory.

This is our school. Let us support it generously with our prayers and gifts.

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Bell Brethren Dedicate Sanctuary

By Rev. Harold Dunning

Sunday, November 18, was a great day here at Bell Brethren. On that day their enlarged and re-decorated sanctuary was dedicated to the Lord.

One of the largest congregations in the history of the church attended the morning worship service. Pastor Dunning brought a message from God's Word on the subject: "A Dedicated Church." At noon the dining hall was crowded to capacity.

Dr. Glenn O'Neal preached a challenging dedicatory message at the afternoon service. A former Bell Brethren pastor, Emlyn Jones, as well as several other Brethren pastors, assisted in the program. The pastor and congregation dedicated the sanctuary to the Lord, and Pastor Raymond Thompson led in the dedicatory prayer.

The evening service was not an anti-climax. A good congregation gathered to enjoy a real song fest from the new hymnbooks before the message from God's Word.

The Bell Brethren Church started as a Bible Class in October 1945. William Dinsmore, who later became the first pastor, was the teacher. About one year later the group rented a two-story house on Gage Avenue in Bell and began the "Gage Avenue Brethren Church." Two years later, with the help of District Missions, two lots were purchased on the corner of Wilcox and Southall Lane, and an attractive adobe church building was erected. At this time it was named "Bell Brethren."

In 1950 the church was re-organized under the direction of the Brethren Home Missions Council with Pastor Sisson. In the years which followed, growth in the church's facilities was slow but sure. In 1952, during the days of Pastor Harry Sturz, the second floor of the church was finished, providing five classrooms and kitchen facilities. In 1954, while Pastor Kliewer was here, the unpainted adobe walls of the sanctuary were painted, the floor was tiled and pews installed. In 1957 the church called Pastor Jones and before long the church became self-supporting. A little later a new expansion program was begun with the purchase of a large lot and home next to the church, thus adding parking facilities, additional Sunday-school space, and a home which the pastor rents.



Left to right: Alberta, Margarite, Verna, Harold and Ruth Dunning

In 1962 Harold Dunning, home on sick leave from Africa, became pastor. It was very evident that the available facilities could no longer contain the program of the church. This was especially true regarding the sanctuary, but it seemed impossible to build the long hoped for new large auditorium. So, in the spring the enlargement of the existing sanctuary was begun. By a simple addition on the front, 60 percent more seating, 30 percent more platform space, and an ample foyer were added. A furnace, new lighting, and a new roof were included, while the exterior of the entire building and the interior of the sanctuary were plastered.

As we began the project the question was raised: "How can we even think of such a program when we have almost no money?" There was only one possible answer: We will trust the Lord who has promised to supply all our needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

In the weeks which followed, the Lord's working was marvelous to behold. The people pledged a good sum toward the project. A Brethren businessman of Long Beach loaned the additional money needed. Brother Albert Balzer, home on furlough from Africa, willingly took on the task of contracting the job, free of charge, and also helped in the work itself. Several of the men in the church donated many, many, many work hours. An electrician, who had recently started attending the church and was not a member, donated the electrical work which turned out to involve a whole new lighting system. The whole project was a happy one. The spirit of the people was good, and the Lord's blessing was upon us as we worked.

Now as we worship in our new sanctuary, the challenge is before us. This new addition needs to be filled with people saved by grace, and we need to look forward to a new expansion program reaching more and more until Jesus comes.



Regular Sunday morning service at Bell Brethren Church. Inset: Dr. Glenn O'Neal, dedication speaker.

Communion Within Confines of Penitentiary

By Rev. Russell L. Williams

On Saturday I had a thrill of joy as I knelt and washed the feet of a man who was a three-time murderer. Did I say a murderer? No! That is not true! The man whose feet I washed was not the same man who only a few short years ago had blasted three lives into eternity. First Corinthians, chapter six, catalogs a list of sins. Then, in verse 11 we read: "And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of God.

This all started when my wife and I visited two of our men at the State institution in Rawlins. I had had the privilege earlier of baptizing one of these men there. The men asked if they might have a Communion Service. On Saturday, November 17, two men from Cheyenne went with me. The five of us met in one of the men's rooms, under the walls of the prison.

There we observed the threefold Communion Service; the washing of feet, the love feast, and the bread and the cup. We embraced and gave each other the "kiss of love." I do not know when a Communion Service has ever been more precious or more filled with meaning.

You say this is most unusual. And it is! You say these are modern miracles, trophies of grace. And they are! But, let me ask you a question. Are they any different than you and me? They have committed crimes against society for which they are paying the penalty. And they will agree that this is right. But what of you and me and the miracle of grace which saved us? It is true that we had not committed crimes they committed. But, according to God's Word, our heart is no different than theirs, "for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." "There is none righteous, no not [even] one."

We marvel, as well we should, at such trophies of grace. But should we not also marvel that we ourselves are trophies of God's grace? The Apostle Paul at the close of his ministry wrote: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief." It was Lord Henry Nelson, who, as he watched the hangman leading a man to the gallows, was heard to exclaim: "There, but for the grace of God, goes Lord Henry Nelson!"

May we rejoice that the Lord has claimed these, and others in like circumstances, for His praise. But may we also rejoice and be thrilled over and over again that we too have been permitted to be miracles of His grace.



Wyoming State Penitentiary, Rawlins, Wyoming

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TESTIMONY AT SCHOOL

BY DIANE BUTTON

Sometime ago we had an extended homeroom period at my school, which is Bancroft Junior High School in Hollywood, California. I don't dance or smoke or tell dirty stories, and some of the girls who do think I am a "queer." One of the girls, Helene, turned around and asked me why I did not do these things. Then we were talking about the Bible and God's Chosen People, the Jews.

Helene is Jewish but she didn't know the Jews were God's Chosen People. I told her about God sending His Son to earth in a Jewish body so that He could die for my sins, and for her sins, too. At first she joked about what I said, but in a little while she became more serious. As we talked, girls from other tables came over to our table and listened to us. Even the homeroom teacher came over to listen.

I told them how God came to the Jewish people first and gave them the law, or the Ten Commandments, and how they were not able to keep them. I tried to explain the sacrifices as they were used in the Old Testament, pointing to the time when God's own Son would be the final sacrifice. Most of the girls had never heard this before and seemed surprised when I told them it was in their very own Book, the Holy Scriptures. This is the same as our Old Testament.

Then I told them about John 3: 16: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

After we talked about salvation, they wanted to know what I did for fun.

"If you don't dance," Helene said, "you must just be bored with life."

I told her there were many things to do besides dancing. When I told them I was an assistant Sunday-school teacher and really enjoyed it, they looked as though they thought I was a creature from outer space.

I talked for an hour and thirty-five minutes that day.

During the Cuban situation, which came a short time later, I had a further opportunity. Many of the girls were very upset and frightened over the newspaper stories and thought that at any moment a bomb might be dropped. Their parents were upset and frightened too so that did not help their feelings of security. All at once, everyone was asking me to tell them what I thought about the whole thing.

Helene stopped me one day and asked me if I thought God was watching over everything, and if so, how could He allow such a thing.

"Helene," I told her, "God controls everything in the entire universe and the nicest part of all is that He is interested in the *little* things as well as the big ones."

"You see," I told her, "He even cares about you."

"Why me?" she wanted to know. "And how can I be sure He will keep me safe if they drop a bomb?"

"He loves everyone, Helene. He loved everyone so much that He sent His own Son to save them from their sins. If you believe this, you do not have to worry about the bomb or the future because God has promised that whatever happens, it cannot separate you from Him."

Helene has been very nice to me since that time, and if there are any religious questions in homeroom, they are usually referred to me for what I think.

Sometimes I think it is very hard to be a Christian in a public school, but when I have experiences like this, I feel that it is a real privilege to be able to explain the plan of salvation, and that it is not hard at all to be a Christian.

I wish you would pray for Helene and the other girls and boys in my homeroom. Even though they seem to be having a good time, they are really very frightened and unhappy inside.

Tuscon Parsonage Fire Destroys 2000 Valuable Books

Two thousand books collected by Rev. J. C. McKillen over a period of forty years were burned a few days ago in a fire which swept through the Tucson parsonage. Some were books which can never be replaced.

An electrical short in the study caused the blaze which did an estimated $10,000 damage to the house and contents. Practically everything in the house was damaged by smoke. Insurance will cover some of the loss.

The fumes from hot tar being poured on the roof of the new Brethren Home Mission church building next door delayed discovery of the fire by masking the smoke odors until it was almost too late to save the house.

A few weeks ago a flash flood from a heavy thunderstorm overflowed a poorly graded city ditch and put several inches of water in the McKillen's home. This Brethren home-mission pastor and wife have really gone through the fire and water. Yet, when we saw them two days after the fire and amid the resultant havoc, "Bill" and "Edna" were rejoicing in the Lord and working hard to complete the new Tucson church for dedication. Said Bill: "This certainly was the worst time to have a fire, but the Lord must have had some good purpose in it."

We thought that perhaps the McKillens' many friends may want to write them at R.R. 9 Box 302-A, Tucson, Arizona. Perhaps some would like to send them a "Christmas" present to help replace lost property. —*L. L. Grubb*

The Debt Free Church

By L. L. Grubb

"Last Sunday we burned our mortgage. Praise the Lord, we are out of debt." Or "Isn't it wonderful, our church has been out of debt for ten years?"

Fine! These are great financial achievements. They prove that the members of the church have met their financial obligations. Always this should be done! The Bible says: "Owe no man anything" (Rom. 13:8). This means that the Lord's people, including His total church and all local churches, should keep paying their debts and meeting their obligations on time.

But, truly, is a consistently debt-free church to be desired? Is this something to boast about? Or should every Bible-believing local church constantly be tapping its maximum financial resources for God? Every debt-free church and every church which has a debt but may not be using its full financial resources should consider these questions.

To be in debt on the right basis and for the right purpose is honorable and Christian. It is dishonorable and unchristian when God's people or the church do not recognize and pay their debts. In fact, on the average, it is profitable to be in debt these days. First, individuals save taxes. (It is true that local churches do not pay taxes—so they do not have a tax deduction advantage.) Secondly, you may use the money of others which they have properly and fairly invested to make money for yourself. This is good business.

However, churches may use money borrowed from members or from a loan institution for the extension of the Lord's work and thus bring God's blessing on the church and glory to Him. This is a profitable venture in every way.

Neither is being in debt a violation of the Biblical principle of faith. Instead it manifests more faith in God in developing His work as the Holy Spirit directs and in meeting the planned needs of the church.



Consider three important questions about the debt-free church:

1. *What might a debt-free church indicate spiritually?*

A. It certainly may indicate a lack of growth in the local church. Are souls being won to Christ and added to the assembly? Is the missionary vision of the church reaching into the community through the visitation program so that the Sunday school is growing? Even normal growth of a church in numbers would seem to suggest that unless the original church building was constructed much out of proportion to the size of the original nucleus that such a church would be facing a need for more money to increase its facilities at least by the time its original debt is paid.

Such a church would no doubt need a revival spiritually. It has probably settled down in the mechanics of church administration and forgotten that its primary business, in fact, the reason for its existence, is *missions*. This includes a soul-winning program in the homeland and also the whole world.

B. A debt-free church may also indicate a lack of vision in starting new churches. In an urban area an average church of 200 members has some of its constituents scattered in every direction. Often these members will lose interest in the church because they are too far away to practically and financially participate in its program. They cannot hold office efficiently because they cannot attend all the meetings. It may also be that because of the size of this church enough leadership is already available so that scattered members are not needed in any leadership capacity. Yet, here is talent, perhaps ready to be dedicated to Christ, and to be used in the establishment of new churches. This often results in members being lost to the local church and denomination. Some people may completely cool off in spiritual temperature.

Yet these facts seem to generate little concern in the average church. It is just "one of those things" which is difficult to avoid.

In any large American city today there are new housing areas. Some of these areas have no church of any type. Is the older church concerned

about these thousands of lost souls? She should be concerned!

It is clear that when a church begins to relax financially, it also relaxes spiritually. There is usually less faith, less prayer, less soul-winning, and less missionary vision.

By the same reasoning, when a church is in debt on a Biblical basis, it always prays more, gives more, and is more concerned about the spiritual condition of the people in its community.

The material and spiritual aspects of church growth are inseparable.

2. *What might a debt-free church indicate materially?*

A. It may indicate a rich church. The financial resources of the members are great; they have not only paid their debt but they have money invested in different projects for the express purpose of making money.

Through the history of the church since its establishment by Christ, rich churches have had a tendency to depend on themselves rather than on the Lord. This leads to a lack of missionary vision and also to spiritual poverty. The Laodicean church was increased with goods, but Jesus said it was "miserable, and poor, and blind" (Rev. 3:17).

B. It might indicate a great financial potential for Christ. If a church has paid its debt, it could at least be continuing those same payments in some other project. Otherwise the maximum flow of dollars has been stopped, and thus the Lord's work loses this much expansion potential. This is a great tragedy.

3. *What might a debt-free church do for Christ?*

A. If it is a growing church, it can extend its own facilities as needed. When God answers prayer in behalf of lost souls and numbers in the church increase to the point that both church and educational facilities are taxed to capacity, the church should extend its building. If this is not done, the growth will inevitably "boomerang." The members of the church will say: "What's the use visiting? We haven't space for more people." The newcomers will say: "Why go to that church? Usually there are no seats available." Both of these attitudes will deal a hard and discouraging blow to the God-given growth of the church. After this has happened, to revive the interest of both the members of the church and the members of the community is very difficult. This is another illustration of the close connection between the spiritual and the material in church development.

B. The debt-free church can help start a new church. This church which is really not tapping its financial resources can "mother" a branch church in some other section of the city or country. It could give or at least loan some families to start the new church. It could borrow a substantial sum of money from a local loan institution, or perhaps work the loan through the Brethren Investment Foundation, buy a church location and give this property free of debt to the new church. Other assistances in personnel and leadership would make the establishment of a new church rapid and effective. What is wrong with a church in Pennsylvania starting a new church and taking it as a project even as far away as California or vice versa?

If each new church could have the great financial advantage of a debt-free location or a substantial sum to start construction of a new building, the time of support would be greatly decreased. This would mean that both district and national organizations would be able to use their resources to help more new churches in their development.

C. The debt-free church can help to finance the purchase of property in areas planned for development when such property is priced at less than half its later cost. Such property is available all over America, especially in large metropolitan areas. There is no question about the future development of these areas. Investment funds could be placed in the Brethren Investment Foundation for this purpose, and the principal and interest payments on these funds could be made by an older church. The financial benefit and impetus to a new church would be tremendous.

D. Any church can use the facilities of the Brethren Home Missions Council in its program of development.

All information for church organization and administration is available from the Brethren home-mission office. The Brethren architectural department will provide plans for a new building. The Brethren construction crew may construct the building. The Brethren Investment Foundation may be used to finance the building.

As the Lord enables the Council to do so through its national offering, building appropriations, help with the pastor's salary, and other



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START THE NEW YEAR BY INVESTING IN THE B.I.F.

The first of the year would be a good time to place in the Foundation money which you may have invested in building associations, banks, stocks, bonds, etc.

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financial assistance may be available to help the new church. So, the Council stands ready to help any "mother" church establish a branch at any time.

From all of this we may conclude certain facts.

1. If the local church has the proper spiritual and missionary vision, it seems that it should never be out of debt very long, if at all.

2. It is clear that the local church and the pastor hold in their grasp the power and potential to either extend the church or to allow it to stagnate.

3. Such a program as outlined here could only result in increased giving and activity for each agency of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches and all of its member churches. The profit and glory to God in the total program would be inestimable.

We invite any Brethren church to contact the Brethren Home Missions Council for further information.

Home Mission Field Reports

DRYHILL, KENTUCKY (Miss Evelyn Fuqua, missionary). On a recent weekend, ten young people from the North Riverdale Brethren Church visited here and surprised us with a gift of twenty- five steel folding chairs.

LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA (William Tweeddale, pastor). We have had at least four leading families become members of our church because of our radio ministry. It seems the Lord is blessing in this phase of the work. On Wednesday, December 5, we completed the purchase of property for a church location. The average church attendance for the last quarter was 145, and 139 in Sunday school.

GOSHEN, INDIANA (R. Paul Miller, pastor). Last night (Nov. 25) we had nine decisions of which two young couples accepted Christ for the first time. We had a baptismal service for eight and have more waiting. Our fall communion was the largest yet with fifty-one at the tables.

WESTMINSTER, CALIFORNIA (Robert Thompson, pastor). The Pioneer Girls of our church recently won a contest in contributing stampbooks toward a campsite for Pioneer Girls in the Los Angeles area.

HATBORO, PENNSYLVANIA (William Steffler, pastor). Yesterday (Nov. 25) we had 119 in Sunday school, and 123 for the morning worship. Next Sunday I will baptize two splendid couples, and the following Sunday three ladies and a

twelve-year-old boy in another baptismal service. After we take them into our membership we will have added twenty-six new members since coming here last Easter.

DENVER, COLORADO (Tom Inman, pastor). We baptized eleven last Sunday night (Nov. 11) of which three were adults and eight young people. Plans are under way for a Christmas dessert banquet that will include the entire congregation.

TOPPENISH, WASHINGTON (Donald Farner, pastor). Our new building is coming along fine. The insulation and most of the sheetrock has been installed, and it looks like we will be able to finish by the first of 1963.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN (Earle Peer, pastor). A new $2.5 million shopping center has been started here with their forty-three-acre property joining our church location. The main building of the project will be so constructed to provide a fall-out shelter for 15,000 persons.

Editor's Note:

Former Home Mission Church Expanding

The Bell, California, former Brethren home-mission church, has just completed a beautiful new addition to its church building. The Brethren Home Missions Council rejoices with these brethren in this victory because we know that it is the result of spiritual growth also.

Reverend Harold Dunning, the pastor, has successfully led the church in constructing this new addition to the auditorium. Seating capacity will be substantially increased and other facilities for worship improved.

The Bell Brethren are encouraged by this advance and are planning to reach their area for Christ in a new program of visitation and personal evangelism.

Missionaries' Son With the Lord

Master Benjamin Ernest Dell, son of Rev. and Mrs. Robert Dell, Clayhole, Kentucky, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, November 28, 1962. The boy had undergone open heart surgery the previous day in a Detroit (Mich.) hospital. Benjamin was born May 13, 1957 and has had a defective heart from the date of birth. The memorial service was held Saturday, December 1, with Dr. Miles Taber, pastor of the Ashland Grace Brethren Church, officiating.

STAND BY MINUTEMEN!



Vandalia Brethren in front of the school contracted until April 1963

Early in 1963 you will be getting another call for assistance to help the Vandalia Grace Brethren Church. These Brethren have been notified that their two-year contract for use of the school building *expires in April 1963.*

In January 1963 the final payment on the property comes due. The church has done an excellent job of raising a major portion of this entire building site cost.

The home-missions offering goal of this church is double the previous year of $330. To date they are only a few dollars short with $616 and expect it to be over the top by the time you read this in the *Brethren Missionary Herald.*

Resolve in 1963 to reserve one dollar for every Minute Man request.

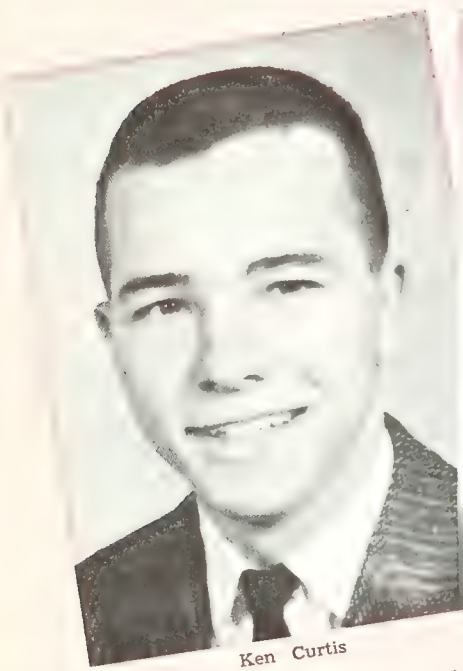
FIRST DEDICATION IN 1963 AT TUCSON

The new Silverbell Community Grace Brethren Church, Tucson, Arizona, will be dedicated on Sunday, January 20, 1963. Rev. Richard P. DeArmey, pastor of the First Brethren Church, Inglewood, California, and vice president of The Brethren Home Missions Council, will be the dedication speaker.

LAYMEN'S PAGE

THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN LAYMEN

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YOUR GIFTS MAKE THIS POSSIBLE!

Laymen's Scholarship Recipients

Pictured on this month's laymen's page are the five recipients of the 1962-1963 laymen's scholarships. Each has received a grant of $50 for the first semester of the school year, and will be considered for a renewal of this amount for the second semester. We're certain that each one would like to take this opportunity to say "thank you" to each layman and laymen's group across our brotherhood for making these scholarships possible.



Eddie McKinney

During the 1962-1963 year, the National Fellowship of Brethren laymen are attempting to raise $2,000 for the scholarship fund. When our completed goal of $10,000 is realized, the interest ($500) will be used each year for the scholarship payment to Grace College.

The scholarship money provided by the laymen is administered by a committee at Grace College, and each year needy students are selected by this group. Perhaps you or your laymen's group has a suggested name for consideration. If so, please write to Ken Kohler, 1209 Pratt Street, Philadelphia 24, Pennsylvania. Money for the scholarship fund should be sent to Ben Zimmerman, R.R. 1, Warsaw, Indiana.



Sandra Farner

MISSILE TALK or MISTLETOE?

By Rev. Arthur Pekarek

Pastor, Grace Brethren Church, Chico, California

There is much talk today about missiles and anti-missile missiles which are primarily used for the purpose of destruction. A Christian too can become a part of the machinery of missile talk and forget or overlook the mistletoe-love necessary to win souls and to have the real fellowship with God. If a Christian rides a hobby horse of any kind, he is fulfilling the Scripture of "zeal without knowledge." He then is like the fellow who was so patriotic that he even carried a sign on his back through the graveyard, and this sign read: "Wake-up! Your Country Needs You!"

The Zeal of the Flesh

Paul points out three kinds of zeal in Philippians 3:4-14. The first noted is the zeal of the flesh (vv. 4-7). Zeal is not of Christian origin, but it may either be secular or sacred. Communism which has engulfed nearly one-half of the world's population has advanced through its cold war tactics by a mere handful of zealots. Islam is training over 5,000 missionaries per year to keep it as the leading religion of the world. Buddhaism recently ordained over 2,500 priests into their religion to spread its propaganda into the down-trodden countries of the Far East. What should we say about Jehovah's Witnesses and Romanism as they are both growing by leaps and bounds from their dedicated zealots? Paul said he had a zeal for God: Philippians 3:6, Acts 22 and 26, and then that very famous confession in Galatians 1:13 and 14: "For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jew's religion, how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God, and wasted it; and profited in the Jew's religion above many my equals in mine own nation, being more exceedingly zealous of the traditions of my fathers." Yes! Paul admits he had a lot of missile talk, but he never ceased to thank God for His grace and the mistletoe-love which was shed abroad in his heart.

The Zeal of Faith

So this fleshly zeal Paul "counted all loss for Christ" so that he might come to the zeal of faith (vv. 8-9). Here comes the cry of regeneration! His new birth! His new nature! Not by the works of the law which he says would be his "own righteousness," but that which is "the righteousness of God by faith." Oh, that each of us as "called-out ones" could have the mistletoe-zeal of Paul when he told the Ephesian believers (Acts 20: 31), "Remember that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears." As we introspect, and as we look around at fellow Christians, could we not ask the question: "Why is it that we lack that same zeal of the flesh of these isms, wasms, spasms, sects, and insects? Or, why is it that we do not even show the same zeal for eternal or godly things that we used to show (or perhaps still show) for worldly things? True zeal will bear a harvest. The great missionary, Henry Martyn, cried as he set foot on Indian territory: "Now let me burn out for God!" He literally did this within a seven-year labor of love. But his work still continues today, for he left a number of believers and the New Testament translated into three different languages. No wonder he was inspired to poem these words:

And when I am dying, how glad I shall be
That the lamp of my life has been blazed
out for Thee;
I shall not care in whatever I gave
Of labor or money one sinner to save.
I shall not care that the way has been
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That thy dear feet led the way is enough.
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The Zeal of Fellowship

Paul not only points out the zeal of the flesh, and zeal of faith, but the zeal of fellowship (vv. 13-14). Note three things he still desired: (1) To know Him (v. 10); (2) To lay hold of Him (vv. 12-13; (3) To press on toward Him (vv. 13-14). Just what does Paul mean when he says "to know him?" Did not this great Apostle know Him? The Greek word means "to know experientially." Paul was not being selfish to ask for this experience of His resurrection power in his life because he also added, "And the fellowship of his suffering." Most of us want to stay far away from any sufferings, and especially that which we might have to suffer for the cause of Christ. After all, if people aren't going to be saved by listening to the radio or coming to church to hear the preacher, then it's their own hard luck, and who am I that I should put myself out and take their "guff" or "ridicule!" Oh Lord! Give us the mistletoe-love! Give us this experiential knowledge that Paul also requested!

Notice further the Apostle's zeal for fellowship as he wants to lay hold: "That I may apprehend [lay hold] as Christ has laid hold of me" (literal trans.). Paul taught eternal security, but this did not mean a license to sin, or to sit, soak, and sour. Paul wanted the mutual grasp of the hand of Christ, which had already laid hold on him. What father or mother does not like to feel the grasp of the young tender hand of the child as it reaches out for help?

The capstone of Paul's zeal of fellowship was that he would press on! He desires to "foretting those things which are behind [past], and reaching forth unto those things which are before [present], press on to eternal glory which is ahead [future]" (literal). May this kind of mistletoe be hanging over our head this holiday season.

Let's Talk SUNDAY SCHOOL

By Dr. Harold H. Etling
Director, National Sunday School Board



Group of Brethren assembled for luncheon at Denver NSSA Convention

Denver Convention

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As far as delegates from our own denomination, Alexandria, Virginia, led the group with two delegates from the farthest point. For sheer courage, we give a bouquet to Rev. and Mrs. Everett Caes from Grace Church, Dayton, Ohio. Everett attended the convention on crutches! Of course, we were well represented by the local area with every pastor of our Midwest district being present for most of the convention. We praise God for these three wonderful days.

Crowded Out

Speaking of being crowded out, I cannot for the life of me tell you where they put them on November 18 at Palmyra, Pennsylvania, as "Zooky Sunday" was celebrated. Mr. Zook has been superintendent of the school since its organization. Mr. Zook holds a leaf of victory over the head of Pastor Lewis as they stand in front of the record board which shows the results of the day's attendance. The previous high was 220, but brandnew attendance high is 280.

The cake served at this occasion was so large they had to bring it in on a wheel barrow, and everyone of the 280 people got a piece of Mr. Zook's birthday cake. He was presented a dozen red roses in honor of his work, and a lovely trophy to indicate his leadership.

What can I add to that which has been said? Congratulations! But I still wonder, where did they put 280 people? Praise the Lord!



Pastor Ed Lewis and Superintendent Zook

More Crowding Out

We recently returned from the great Northwest area. A wonderful Sunday school convention was held in the Yakima Valley with additional services in several of our churches. However, the greatest thrill of all was the fact that on the very first Sunday of our visit to the district, they set an all-time high attendance goal and reached it. They set the goal at 1000 for the nine churches of the district, and when the count was all in, they had exactly 1000 people present. We shouted for joy! Then to really make us shout, they went back and did it all over the next Sunday, except they had a total on the next Sunday of 1040! Any district want to challenge this district? They are waiting.

Let's keep on crowding everything out, for this means many more opportunities to tell people of Jesus Christ and His redeeming love.

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Mr. Zook and his birthday cake

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...HIO. The trustees ...he First Brethren ...conducted a mort-gage-burning service in thanksgiving to God for the liquidation of the debt on the parsonage. Frank H. Gardner, pastor.

BERCHTESGADEN, GERMANY. Brethren Chaplain Lee D. Burris reports that 15 fellows from his chapel attended the National Association of Evangelicals Retreat here in October. The retreat has partially been responsible for doubling the attendance at the midweek service. Chaplain Burris visited with another Brethren Chaplain, Captain Donald F. Carter, who is the Retreat Chaplain stationed in Berchtesgaden.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Dayton Cundiff, Beaver City, Nebr.
Harold Dunning, Bell, Calif.
John Evans, Peru, Ind.
Earl Funderburg, Trout Lake, Mich.
Luther L. Grubb, Los Alamitos, Calif.
Tom Julien, France

...Grace Brethren Church was host to a Brethren youth rally the day after Thanksgiving. There were 76 young people present. Organized recreation and refreshments preceded a message by Dr. Gene French, the San Diego Youth for Christ director. A trip to the zoo was included among the many enjoyable activities of the rally.

CLAY CITY, IND. The congregation of the First Brethren Church combined a fellowship supper and a surprise miscellaneous shower for Pastor and Mrs. Randall Rossman on Nov. 24. The service was attended by 50 members and friends of the Sunday school and church. In addition to a monetary gift of about forty dollars, the Rossmans received many other useful gifts.

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...ed change from a weekly *Brethren Missionary Herald* ...ther-week publication in color is designed to improve the quality and appearance of the magazine.

A bi-weekly edition of the *Missionary Herald* is not a cost-cutting proposition. The purpose of the change is solely for improvement and not economy. The addition of color to a magazine is extremely costly. Cost-wise it is prohibitive to publish a weekly magazine in color. While a bi-weekly in color is more expensive to publish than a weekly magazine in black and white, there are definite benefits and advantages that result from an every-other-week publication.

The addition of an attractive color is not the only advantage to be derived from this proposed change. A different printing technique is also involved that will permit greater variety and flexibility in producing a more appealing and readable magazine. A bi-weekly magazine allows more time for better editing and layout, and this will serve to improve the quality of our publication.

In recent years nearly every denominational magazine has changed from a black and white weekly to the widely accepted bi-weekly in color. This is the reason the Brethren Missionary Herald Company and its cooperating boards desire to know the mind of our fellowship. Is our denomination satisfied with the black and white *Brethren Missionary Herald* magazine, or does it desire a color bi-weekly? Please mark your answer to this question with an X on the enclosed ballot and drop it in the mail today. Your cooperation is vital. Be sure to VOTE!

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WINONA LAKE, IND. Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, president of Grace Seminary and College, was a featured speaker at the 11th annual conference of the Evangelical Literature Overseas which was held at the Winona Hotel during Dec. 3-6.

DAYTON, OHIO. Harold "Duke" Hoeflinger, director of the Christian League to Forgotten Men, was the guest speaker at the North Riverdale Brethren Church on Nov. 25. Mr. Hoeflinger was formerly an associate of the notorious criminal John Dillinger, but he is now ministering to the forgotten men behind prison walls.

WHITTIER, CALIF. Ward Miller, pastor of Community Brethren Church, was the guest speaker at a recent convention of the Southern California District of Friends Churches.

SAN DIEGO, CALIF. The Grace Brethren Church was host to a Brethren youth rally the day after Thanksgiving. There were 76 young people present. Organized recreation and refreshments preceded a message by Dr. Gene French, the San Diego Youth for Christ director. A trip to the zoo was included among the many enjoyable activities of the rally.

CLAY CITY, IND. The congregation of the First Brethren Church combined a fellowship supper and a surprise miscellaneous shower for Pastor and Mrs. Randall Rossman on Nov. 24. The service was attended by 50 members and friends of the Sunday school and church. In addition to a monetary gift of about forty dollars, the Rossmans received many other useful gifts.

LISTIE, PA. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ryan, members of the Listie Brethren Church, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 1.

HARRAH, WASH. Rev. and Mrs. W. Carl Miller announce the birth of a daughter, Marianne Elizabeth, who was born Nov. 20 and weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz. Carl Miller is pastor of the Harrah Brethren Church.

DES MOINES, IOWA. The Iowa district youth director, Carl Key, reports an overnight Brethren youth rally was held Nov. 23-24. There were 72 youth and 22 adults in attendance. Youth challenges were presented by the Youth Evangelism Team from Winona Lake, Ind., and a Christian film entitled, "Silent Witness." A tour of the State capitol was included in the youth activities. A combined team from Cedar Rapids and Davenport won the district quiz event.

CAMDEN, OHIO. The trustees and pastor of the First Brethren Church recently conducted a mortgage-burning service in thanksgiving to God for the liquidation of the debt on the parsonage. Frank H. Gardner, pastor.

BERCHTESGADEN, GERMANY. Brethren Chaplain Lee D. Burris reports that 15 fellows from his chapel attended the National Association of Evangelicals Retreat here in October. The retreat has partially been responsible for doubling the attendance at the midweek service. Chaplain Burris visited with another Brethren Chaplain, Captain Donald F. Carter, who is the Retreat Chaplain stationed in Berchtesgaden.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Dayton Cundiff, Beaver City, Nebr.
Harold Dunning, Bell, Calif.
John Evans, Peru, Ind.
Earl Funderburg, Trout Lake, Mich.
Luther L. Grubb, Los Alamitos, Calif.
Tom Julien, France

WHY CHANGE?

The proposed change from a weekly *Brethren Missionary Herald* to an every-other-week publication in color is designed to improve the quality and appearance of the magazine.

A bi-weekly edition of the *Missionary Herald* is not a cost-cutting proposition. The purpose of the change is solely for improvement and not economy. The addition of color to a magazine is extremely costly. Cost-wise it is prohibitive to publish a weekly magazine in color. While a bi-weekly in color is more expensive to publish than a weekly magazine in black and white, there are definite benefits and advantages that result from an every-other-week publication.

The addition of an attractive color is not the only advantage to be derived from this proposed change. A different printing technique is also involved that will permit greater variety and flexibility in producing a more appealing and readable magazine. A bi-weekly magazine allows more time for better editing and layout, and this will serve to improve the quality of our publication.

In recent years nearly every denominational magazine has changed from a black and white weekly to the widely accepted bi-weekly in color. This is the reason the Brethren Missionary Herald Company and its cooperating boards desire to know the mind of our fellowship. Is our denomination satisfied with the black and white *Brethren Missionary Herald* magazine, or does it desire a color bi-weekly? Please mark your answer to this question with an X on the enclosed ballot and drop it in the mail today. Your cooperation is vital. Be sure to VOTE!

1 AND it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.
2 (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)
3 And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.
4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)
5 To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.
6 And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.
7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.
8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.
9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.
10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.
11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.
12 And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.
13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,
14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.
15 And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.
16 And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.
17 And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.
18 And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.
19 But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.
20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

Luke 2:1-20

To Make the Christmas Story New

By Knute Larson

I wanted to tell the story of Bethlehem in a new way that would present the same wonderful truths that are Christmas in a unique method. We hear the manger story from Luke 2 every year at this time, and it *is* beautiful and inspiring. Don't get me wrong. But think how a new writing attack would make that same event so fresh and so real!

And then I thought of it! Use an analogy! A sort of parable. You know, tell a true-to-life story that could illustrate that history-changing Incarnation —when Jesus emptied himself of the glory and greatness that was His in heaven. To become a small baby. To rescue the human race from sin and its punishment.

Think how moving such a presentation could be. Illustrations have brought new meaning to so many other Biblical events, why not this one? And so I began my search for the story-illustration that would make the old facts seem new. A story that would really tell the Incarnation in a way that people would never forget.

My first thoughts went to the coal mine—a deep web of trenches and tunnels that boxed in a darkness that was thick and sliceable. In western Pennsylvania the president of a wealthy mine chain agonized with the rescue leaders seeking a plan that would save the seven miners who had been trapped fifty feet under. These men were unconscious, hurt, and all escape routes were blocked by fallen rock and roof, and crippled supports.

Those men realized that death was momentary for the trapped—awful death either from the injuries or from the gases that were eating up their oxygen. Someone had to go in after them. He could wear a mask, but he would risk further fall-in as he wedged his way with oxygen and water into the main tunnel, but the rocks made it clear that only one man could go through.

Sweating ever since he had stepped from his air-conditioned Continental that muggy noon, the handsome executive dropped his imported jacket to the dust and prepared to make the dangerous entry. The protests of the employed failed to restrain the employer-turned-hero as he slipped through the first of the many almost impossible barricades with his light and supplies. Those who held the rope which circled his waist watched with fear as the caring executive made it slip through their fingers with his progress.

But even before I found out if the president-made-rescuer saved any of the seven, I knew the story didn't illustrate. Too crude. And the drop from the millionaire-president to dirty rescuer just wouldn't communicate the real truth of the heaven-to-manger event.

And so I sought for another, still eager to put together words that made a story analogous to the B.C. Incarnation, but vitally intriguing in 1962.

I rejected the true story of a child of an Indian father and American white mother who grew up amid Indian huts and customs to lead his half-brothers to intellectual and practical heights previously superstitiously shunned. I realized that the facts did little to portray the bigness of the Christmas event, for the halfbreed was a biological reproduction who had no choice in the where and when of his birth. Even so, he did later contribute much to the lives of people who were only slightly different in nature from himself.

Discouraged but still searching, I paged through the *"1000 and 1 Illustrations for Preachers"* type books that do so well, for they give vividness and parallel analogy to Biblical events and facts. But my beginning attitude of confidence in the search through the words of master illustrators was soon destroyed by the conclusion that my plan was futile. There was nothing in those pages that began to compare with, or do anything for, the truths of the Incarnation.

And then I knew. I guess I should have known from the start that if it could be done someone else in these 1900+ years would have done it before me. And so I gave up. My look for a refreshingly new 1962-way to pen the story of Christ being born as a baby, the infinite God-man Son of a virgin and of God, was as useless as it would be to try to write an exhaustive, complete description of the nature and person of God with finite ABC's.

Even the Old Testament with its many typologies of New Testament happenings—the Passover lamb as a picture of the Calvary-slain Saviour, for instance—presents no attempt to typify the miraculous humbling of Jesus, "who, being in the form of God . . . was made in the likeness of men" (Phil. 2:5, 7). True, the prophets prophecy of the miracle, but always in real statements of the event.

The story of Christmas is too big and too wonderful. Nothing can compare with it. It must simply be told. And told again. It will take 30,000 more Christmases before anyone of us will even begin to fully understand and appreciate the wonders of the birth of Jesus.

In the meantime, I stand amazed. And I will read Luke 2 again. And rather than think of comparison, I will realize, though not finally comprehend, that the incomparable, inexhaustible truths of Christ's coming into this world to be born and live and die are just that—incomparable and inexhaustible. And wonderful. And worship-demanding.

And the truths of the descent of Christ to this earth—virtually important throughout all 365 days of each year, but especially commemorated at Christmas—will mean more than ever in 1962.



ROANOKE, VA.

I am happy to give a report of the blessings of God upon a revival crusade at the Garden City Brethren Church during Nov. 4-11. There were 30 public decisions of which nearly one-third were first-time confessions of faith in Jesus Christ. The attendance for the eight nights was very good. A new record was set when 241 were in Sunday school on Sunday morning, which broke the old record of 208.

It was a real privilege for me to labor with the pastor, Rev. Henry L. Radford, and the people of this fine church. God has blessed the church in many ways, and it stands as a true testimony for Christ in the city. The pastor and people manifest a true spirit of Christian love and hospitality, and their earnest prayers were a great blessing to my ministry each day. I was happy to receive an invitation to return for meetings in 1963 and shall look forward to working with them again.

Evangelist, Galen Lingenfelter

CHICO, CALIF.

Here is a little news about our Grace Brethren Church. The men of the church are putting the finishing touches of paint on the outside of our church. This is the first time it has been painted since it was built 12 years ago.

We will have our sixth annual live Nativity scene on our church lawn Dec. 21 through Dec. 25. nightly from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. It takes approximately 50 people to act the various characters and to work behind the scenes. Nearly 10,000 people viewed the scene last year, and gospel tracts were given to over 4,000. The local newspapers, radio, and television stations publicized it widely. There were people visiting from distances of 200 miles or more. Several families told us that they drove 50 miles in one evening just to see the scene because they had viewed it on TV. Our church is well known in this community because of this cooperative effort and the spiritual emphasis during the time of commercialized Christmas.

We have seen real results from previous years. I trust this little word will enthuse other Brethren churches to "go and do likewise."

Arthur L. Pekarek, pastor.

SAN DIEGO, CALIF.

The Grace Brethren Church recently announced the use of free Sunday-school bus service, providing transportation for unreached children in their area. This program, known as "Operation Unreached," is provided by Christian Sunday School Services, Inc. The purpose of this non-profit organization is to get children to Sunday school. The local church is under obligation to canvass and enlist unreached boys and girls. When a minimum number have been enlisted, Christian Sunday School

Services, Inc. then charters a bus with licensed driver and full insurance to transport the children to and from Sunday school without charge.

Mr. C. W. Carlstrom, a San Diego business leader, visioned this undertaking when he discovered how many children did not attend Sunday school. Mr. Carlstrom says: "I feel keenly, as do many of our National leaders, that Sunday school is a major factor in the character building of American youth."

Presently, some thirty-three busses are being used by churches of sixteen denominations. Any Sunday school may apply for this transportation program by writing to: Christian Sunday School Services, Inc., 2531 Moonstone Drive, San Diego 23, California.

Henry Dalke, pastor

HASTINGS, MICH.

Greetings from the Hastings Grace Brethren Church. We would like to share our blessings from the Lord with you.

The Lord provided in a miraculous way for the pastor and his family by supplying work and a home here just the day before school started.

The church is currently negotiating on the purchase of a building. We still need approximately $4,000 to purchase it.

We observed our first anniversary on October 7, with Brother Gilbert Hawkins as special speaker. The Hastings Grace Brethren Church is a Michigan District Missions project.

Sunday, November 11, 1962, a young married couple and two young people were baptized and added to the church making a total of seventeen charter members.

All praise and thanksgiving to our faithful Lord.

Russell Sarver, pastor

CHURCH NEWS

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ALTO, MICH. The Calvary Brethren Church had a pre-Thanksgiving dinner on Nov. 18 at which time the congregation surprised Pastor and Mrs. Charles Flowers with a grocery shower.

DAYTON, OHIO. Richard Jackson, Jr., acting interim pastor at the First Brethren Church, was honored on Dec. 2 with an "Appreciation Night." A love gift was given in appreciation for his ministry to the church.

JOHNSTOWN, PA. Randall Poyner, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church (Geistown), was examined by the East district ministerial examining board on Nov. 20 and was recommended for licensure.

PHILADELPHIA, PA. The Third Brethren Church, Robert Kern, pastor, enjoyed the musical ministry of The Kinsman Chorus on Dec. 2.

WINCHESTER, VA. The men and women of First Brethren Church enjoyed a Christmas dinner on Dec. 6. Mrs. Rose Foster, retired Brethren missionary to Africa, was the guest speaker. Paul Dick, pastor.

WESTERNPORT, MD. On Sunday, Nov. 26, fourteen persons were baptized by trine immersion. These persons will become the first members of the new Mill Run Grace Brethren Church. A formal rededication service will be held at the church on Jan. 6. Homer Lingenfelter, pastor of the Everett Grace Brethren Church, Everett, Pa., will be the speaker. James F. Hoffmeyer, pastor.

FREMONT, OHIO. Galen Lingenfelter, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Elyria, Ohio, was the guest speaker at the men's supper meeting held at the Grace Brethren Church here on Dec. 13. Thomas Hammers is pastor.

MODESTO, CALIF. A Thanksgiving Bible Prophecy conference was held recently at the LaLoma Grace Brethren Church with Dr. Charles W. Mayes, pastor of the First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif., as speaker. Average attendance for the five-day conference was 179. A love gift of $165 was given to Dr. Mayes. J. Paul Miller, pastor.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Rev. and Mrs. Russell Konves, 2727 W. Rovey Ave., Phoenix, Ariz. New phone number for Rev. and Mrs. Clair Gartland is Nanty-Glo 746-6742. New telephone number for Rev. and Mrs. Glenn Byers is 539-7544, Conemaugh, Pa.

NOTICE: Attention pastors and church secretaries! Four copies of the annual statistical reports have been mailed to each church. If you did not receive your copies, please notify the National Statistician, Dr. John C. Whitcomb, Jr., 305 Kelly St., Winona Lake, Ind.

ENDS EARTHLY PILGRIMAGE

Notices of death appearing in this column must be sumbitted in writing by a pastor.

BERKEBILE, Lawrence (Scotty), went to be with the Lord on Nov. 9. He was a charter member of the First Brethren Church, Cleveland, Ohio. Memorial services were conducted by Clair Brickel, former pastor.

PECK, Mrs. Katherine, went home to be with the Lord on Nov. 12. She was a member of longstanding at the First Brethren Church, Cleveland, Ohio. Memorial services were conducted by Clair Brickel, former pastor.

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 30 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Church	*Date*	*Pastor*	*Speaker*
Grandview, Wash.	Dec. 30-Jan. 6	George Christie	Bob Collitt
Winchester, Va.	Jan. 6-13	Paul Dick	Nathan Meyer
Harrah, Wash.	Jan. 9-20	Carl Miller	Bob Collitt
Middlebranch, Ohio	Jan. 13-16	Wesley Haller	Charles Turner

EDITORIALS

By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, *President*

Gifts for the King

The memory of the writer concerning The Brethren Church goes back about forty years, and in all those years, so far as the writer knows, the Christmas Season of the year has been set aside for emphasis upon Christian Education. Under the title of "White Gift Offering" the people were challenged to give to this end. These gifts were used to carry on the current operations of the college and seminary. In the transition to Grace Seminary and Grace College, the same season of the year has been used for this purpose and has been enlarged to include the months of December and January. The importance of the offering raised at this season of the year must be emphasized. This year $100,000 is needed to carry this important work through the year.

Three Important Words

It was thirty-five years ago as a boy of 18 that the "White Gift" envelope fell into the writer's hands for the first time. Three words confronted him, and beside each was a box where one could make a check mark. Those words were "Substance," "Service," "Self." To the writer only the first word seemed to carry significance. As for the second, it was of some interest to him but hardly worth further consideration. The third was not even in the realm of contemplation. He had other plans that were not even remotely associated with service or self. For some reason not then evident but since recognized as belonging to the divine counsels, this boy was led to make some passing reference to the envelope in the presence of his pastor.

The Word in Season

True to his calling, and ready to buy up every opportunity, that pastor spoke the word in season that changed the whole direction of that boy's life. "Don't you think you ought to check that third box?" he said. "You know Christ gave everything for you, and you know that there is such a tremendous need for preachers. Don't you think you ought to check that third box?" I could not think of any other answer to that challenge except "Yes." And the answer was "Yes." That decision was made without pressure, emotional effusion, fanfare, or public demonstration. And it has never changed in all these years. With every passing year there has been confirmation of that decision, and with this confirmation has come growing conviction that I could never be happy in any place outside the area of Christian service.

The Need Is More Acute

After thirty-five years that boy is now a man of some years. He is now engaged in the business of training young men and women for Christian service. His perspective is now no longer confined to the limited horizon of those early days. He now views a world with an exploding population. His native land, the United States of America, was then coming close to 80,000,000 people. It is now almost two and one-half times that number. It might be expected that there would be a proportionate increase in the number of men and women entering Christian service. But such is not the case. In fact, this has never been the case. The fact is one that is startling. "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few" (Matt. 9:37).

The Need Is Alarming

There is a trend in evidence in every branch of Christendom today. Among Protestants, Catholics, and Jews, the ranks of ministry are being decimated, and there are fewer and fewer who are being trained to fill the breach. This in itself amounts to something that is staggering. Does this indicate that materialism is sweeping mankind with such devastating effect that the few are growing fewer who are attracted, for any reason, to any humanitarian service? If there are fewer who enter the priesthood, or rabbinical service, or the Protestant ministry, even for worldly gain or glory, what must this mean so far as numbers are concerned for genuine, spiritual service, where great sacrifice is required? The answer is the same. The number is decreasing.

The Lord of Harvest

This is the time, therefore, to pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into His harvest. This Lord came 1900 years ago to reap the harvest. He is now conscripting laborers for this task. Let God's people use this season of the year to beseech Him to send forth more laborers. And may God in His good providence lead some to read these words and be stirred up to answer the call of the Lord.

The First Born of all Creation:

THE CREATOR OF ALL

By Professor S. Herbert Bess

"Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: for by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him."
Colossians 1:15-16

Pagan philosophers of our day urge man to trust in the mirage of an evolutionary process that is atheistic to the core.

The Grace faculty affirms that Jesus was and is the Eternal God who by His own hand created the universe.

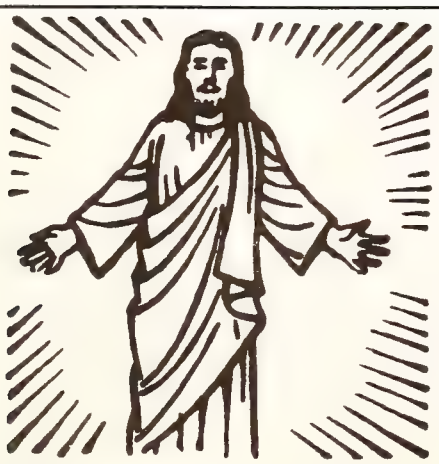
When one sacrificially supports Grace Seminary and College, he can be assured that the money given will not be used to negate "the faith which was once delivered unto the saints" (Jude 3).

In the Bible, the term first born often emphasized the concept of *rank* rather than *time*. This was true because the first born normally succeeded to the father of the family, assuming his father's responsibilities to the expanded family group, and receiving also special privileges and honors. One such privilege was the receiving of two shares in the inheritance, while his brothers each got only one share.

Since the emphasis was on *rank*, it sometimes happened in Bible times that someone other than the one born first became the first born. As examples, Jacob displaced Esau as first born, and Joseph displaced Reuben.

The same was true in ancient Mesopotamia. In some of the cuneiform tablets recording marriage contracts, the bride is protected by the assurance that her son shall be the first born, even if her husband should have another wife who would bear a son first.

The text in Colossians 1:15 declares that Jesus Christ is the first born of all creation. Surely the emphasis here is upon the rank of Christ as first over the entire universe. This assertion struck at the heart of a problem which existed in the church of Colossae. They had fallen into a doctrinal error that would have put Jesus Christ in the background. But this text says that He is absolutely first. Jesus as the eternal God created the universe (v. 16), but He himself had no beginning. He stands in first rank over the creation of His own hands in the good pleasure of the Father's will. Because He held such a rank, He humbled himself to be cradled in the arms of Mary.



JESUS—The central figure of Christmas. The gift of God's love to the world. Of Him it was said by the angels, "Unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." The name Jesus was given to Him by the angel to Joseph (Matt. 1:21) and to Mary (Luke 1:31). He was born in Bethlehem, according to leading authorities, about the year 4 B.C. The nature of His divinity was attested by the homage of the shepherds on the first Christmas Eve, and the Magi from the East who brought Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, which were symbolic of His power, purity, and future sacrifice on the cross. His birth was a fulfillment of prophecy by Isaiah and Micah in the Old Testament. Isaiah 9:6; Micah 5:2

The First Born of Mary:

THE INCARNATE SON OF GOD

By James L. Boyer, Th.D.

"And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn."
Luke 2:7

Atheistic and agnostic trends of our day scoff at the virgin birth of Jesus Christ.

The faculties of Grace Schools affirm that Jesus Christ became man by the miracle of virgin birth.

With absolute confidence the donors to Grace Schools can know that we believe and teach that Jesus Christ was born of woman as no other man was ever born. He was both true God and true Man.

Never was there a birth like this birth, not because it was "firstborn," for every mother has brought forth a first born, nor yet because of the manger, for babies have been born in many strange and humble circumstances. What made this birth so different?

This birth was unique in its method. In every other case in human history birth has come as the result of two parents. But here only one parent was involved. The Bible makes it very clear that Christ was born of a virgin, a girl who became a mother apart from any father. So it had been prophesied. So it came to pass. So strange and unnatural was it that angelic messengers must explain it to the parties involved. So God's people have always believed it in spite of the insinuations and slurs of unbelievers in and out of the church.

This birth was unique in its attendant circumstances. Prophesied aforetime as to place, time, and lineage, its actual unfolding was signalled by the strange behavior of a miraculous star and by a heavenly chorus singing: "Glory to God in the highest." It brought the lowly shepherds and the royal Magi with their gifts to the feet of that Child.

Most unique of all was the Person who was thus born. All others *begin* their life with birth. But Jesus' story did not begin in Bethlehem. There the eternal Son of God became flesh. He entered into and became one of the human race. God became man in every respect apart from sin.

Why? It was the only way He could save us. All that was reason enough for such a God as He!

THE FLIGHT INTO EGYPT. The name of several paintings by famous artists including:

♦ A painting by Giotto, early Renaissance artist and friend of Dante, showing the dramatic escape into Egypt by the Holy Family. This classic painting is located in Padua, Italy.

♦ A painting by Bartolome Murillo, seventeenth century Spanish painter, who devoted his life to painting religious themes.

♦ A painting by Anthony Van Dyck (1599-1641), famous Dutch painter, who was considered the foremost European artist of his day.



The First Born From the Dead:

THE CONQUEROR OF DEATH

By John Whitcomb, Jr., Th.D.

"And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence."
Colossians 1:18

Present-day scoffers ask concerning the resurrection of Jesus Christ . . . "Can we hold these beliefs in the original Christian meaning . . .?" (Toynbee)

To trifle with the foundations of God is to render the building insecure. The actuality of the resurrection gives permanent value to the Gospel.

If Christ be not risen from the dead, we are false teachers and the world has no authoritative message concerning life now and hereafter.

Our Lord Jesus Christ was certainly not the first human being to return from the grave. Elisha the prophet had raised the Shunammite's son to life (II Kings 4:32-36), and Jesus himself had raised the widow's son at Nain (Luke 7:15) and Lazarus at Bethany (John 11). Therefore, when the Bible speaks of Him as "the firstborn from the dead," it means far more than a mere return from the grave. Lazarus and others who had been raised experienced death a second time; but the Lord Jesus achieved absolute and final *victory over death* (Heb. 2:14) by coming forth from the tomb in a glorious resurrection body, *never to die again!* Thus He could say: "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore" (Rev. 1:18).

Because Christ was the first to receive a glorified human body, he was "the firstfruits of them that slept" (I Cor. 15:20). He was the first in time and the first in preeminence of the mighty resurrection harvest which will include all those down through the ages who have trusted in Him as their Lord and Master. Already nearly 2,000 years have elapsed since that glorious FIRSTFRUITS appeared to the astonished disciples three days after He died, but the end is not yet! "But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's *at his coming*" (I Cor. 15:23). Yes; when our wonderful Saviour comes back to earth again, He "shall change our body of humiliation, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body" (Phil. 3:21). Hallelujah, what a Saviour!



PHILLIPS BROOKS, famed Episcopal bishop and author of the popular Christmas carol "O Little Town of Bethlehem." This famous carol was first sung in the Church of the Holy Trinity at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, December 25, 1868. It was written at the request of the church schoolchildren who had asked Bishop Brooks, while he was rector of this church, to compose a Christmas song. The words were inspired by a previous pilgrimage to the Holy Land, where Phillips Brooks worshiped in the Church of the Nativity at Bethlehem. The music was composed by the church organist, Lewis H. Redner, who received the melody in a dream on Christmas Eve. The entire Christmas carol was completed in less than a single day.

The First Born Among Many Brethren:

THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH

By Hobart Freeman, Th.D.

"For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren."

Romans 8:29

The Apostle Paul reveals here the divine purpose in predestination—that we should be conformed to the image of Christ, thereby preparing us for fellowship with Him with the result that we shall be called His brethren. Thus God has ordained that as brethren of Christ we should be like Him. This conformity to the image of Christ is, for the present, a gradual growth, a progressive development of Christian character and holiness by God's Spirit. It is a slow, gradual, sometimes painful, but never failing progressive sanctification until at last the believer shall be completely transformed when he shall seem Him as He is and be like Him (I John 3:2).

However, this purpose has an even more basic and glorious end in view, which has to do with Christ himself; that is, "that he might be the firstborn among many brethren." The term "firstborn" denotes both *priority* and *preeminence*. This fact is manifested in His present exalted headship over his brethren, the church—for "he is the head of the body, the church" (Col. 1:18). Here the believer's conformity to the spiritual image of Christ and Christ's headship among His brethren find their meeting point as mutually implying each other. The Head (Christ) and the body (the church) must of necessity bear a vital resemblance to each other. Therefore, the believer's conformity to the image of Christ is necessitated by the divine purpose for him—that of eternal fellowship with God through Christ—"the firstborn among the brethren."



The present-day liberal declares that "If Christian theology is true, God is a monster." This is blasphemy!

Grace professors affirm their absolute faith in the eternal Word of God, and in the one true church, the mystical body and bride of Christ.

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O HOLY NIGHT. (Cantique de Noel) a beautiful, haunting French carol, the melody of which was written by Adolphe Adam, composer, born in Paris in 1803. There is a story which relates that during the Franco-Prussian war in 1870 on Christmas Eve, the French and German soldiers were facing each other in trenches near the city. Suddenly a young soldier of France leaped from his trench and surprised the Germans with a loud, clear rendition of Adam's "Cantique de Noel." The Germans were so smitten by his singing that not a shot was fired; in fact, at the conclusion a German soldier stepped forward and responded with Luther's noted Christmas hymn: "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come."

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The TAXING of Luke 2:1-5

By Homer A. Kent, Jr., Th.D.

Prominent in Luke's narrative of our Lord's birth is the "taxing" which brought Joseph and Mary from Nazareth to Bethlehem. The noun form *apographe* appearing in Luke 2:2 and Acts 5:37, actually means "registration" or "census," and refers to the registering of individuals for the tax lists and other purposes. The verb *apographo* occurs three times in this passage and should be translated in this manner: ". . . a decree from Caesar Augustus for all the world to be registered . . . and all were going to register themselves . . . and Joseph went up . . . to register himself with Mary"

It Explains Christ's Birth in Bethlehem

Luke mentions this census to show us how it came about that Jesus was born in Bethlehem. This needed to be explained because the Old Testament predicted that Messiah would come out of Bethlehem (Mic. 5:2, cf. Matt. 2:4-6), and yet Mary lived in the Galilean village of Nazareth (Luke 1:26-27).

In years past many scholars have scoffed at this census, claiming it to be unhistorical. It was questioned why Joseph would have taken Mary in her condition on such a long trip, or why it was necessary to take her along at all. Sir William M. Ramsay and other scholars of no small renown have done much to remove the force of such objections. For example, Ramsay in his books, *Was Christ Born in Bethlehem?* and *The Bearing of Recent Discovery on the Trustworthiness of the New Testament*, shows that there was a system of census-taking every fourteen years in the first century. He shows how Egypt first had such a system, and when that country was brought under the Roman Empire in 30 B.C., the old Egyptian system was apparently adopted by Augustus.

Furthermore, the method of conducting this census is known from Egyptian records to have required all persons over fourteen years of age to return to their hereditary homes. The purpose in Egypt was to encourage the land cultivators not to leave the land in too great numbers. It was legal in Egypt for free men to change their places of residence, but by compelling a return to the home city every fourteen years, there was a brake put upon their movements which served the purposes of the government. This system was apparently adopted by Augustus.

Thus the Biblical account of Joseph's taking Mary with him from Nazareth to Bethlehem fits perfectly into what we now know to have been the procedure in the Empire.

It Helps in Dating Christ's Birth

Our present system of dating events as A.D. or B.C. was begun by the monk Dionysius Exiguus in the sixth century. We now know that he erred by several years because we can calculate the death of Herod by the old Roman calendar. And when the two calendars are brought into adjustment, Herod's death is placed at 4 B.C. Yet Herod died some time *after* Christ was born, not four years before (Matt. 2:1ff.).

The Roman census system now comes to our aid. The first-century historian Josephus mentions a census in A.D. 6-7. Hence the previous one was fourteen years earlier, B.C. 8-7. It appears, then, that we must place the birth of Christ no earlier than B.C. 8 (the census), and no later than B.C. 4 (Herod's death).

There are some factors, however, which could have caused the census in Palestine to have been delayed. Ramsay mentions the fact of Herod's fall into disfavor with Augustus at this time, an event which necessitated a time-consuming trip to Rome to make proper apologies. It is entirely possible that Herod, as a petty king, would not otherwise have been required to carry out this Roman census in his kingdom, but because of his quarrel with Rome, he was forced to institute it in his territory. This belated carrying out of the census would perhaps not have occurred until B.C. 6 or even 5.

How marvelous are God's ways! For He used a Roman census, perhaps not even originally intended for Palestine at all, to achieve His purpose that Jesus might be born in Bethlehem as foretold by the prophet.



SHEPHERDS. On the night of the Nativity there were certain shepherds watching their flocks of sheep outside Bethlehem. To them the angels made the proclamation of Jesus' birth. They hurried to Bethlehem and found where the young child lay, wrapped in swaddling clothes, and in a manger. They bowed down in worship before the newborn King, and then returned to their flocks telling everyone on the way about the birth of the Saviour. Luke 2:8-17

Comparative Report of Gifts to Grace Seminary and Grace College

1961-1962

GENERAL AND BUILDING FUND GIFTS

DISTRICT AND CHURCH	1960-61	1961-62
ALLEGHENY		
Aleppo, Pa.	162.40	857.25
Grafton, W. Va.	10.50	5.00
Jenners, Pa.	175.74	396.95
Listie, Pa.	479.50	829.26
Meyersdale, Pa.	681.10	856.95
Meyersdale, Pa. (Sum. Mills)	137.59	96.67
Parkersburg, W. Va.	150.16	90.00
Stoystown, Pa.	28.30	20.07
Uniontown, Pa.		507.64
Washington, Pa.	167.39	160.66
District Conference	10.00	10.00
Total: Allegheny	2,002.68	3,830.45
EAST		
Altoona, Pa. (First)	398.25	360.43
Altoona, Pa. (Grace)	45.80	83.66
Conemaugh, Pa.	171.00	470.00
Conemaugh, Pa. (Pike)	495.66	460.30
Conemaugh, Pa. (Singer Hill)	125.00	415.50
Everett, Pa.	135.60	219.55
Hollidaysburg, Pa.	279.38	25.01
Hopewell, Pa.	77.00	39.00
Johnstown, Pa. (First)	1,307.66	1,924.95
Johnstown, Pa. (Geistown)	95.00	
Johnstown, Pa. (Riverside)	71.00	106.25
Kittanning, Pa. (First)	1,644.04	1,826.73
Kittanning, Pa. (N. Buffalo)	80.05	69.01
Leamersville, Pa.	181.17	288.83
Martinsburg, Pa.	875.04	1,874.74
Total: East	5,981.65	8,163.96
INDIANA		
Barbee Lakes	55.80	15.00
Berne	678.00	577.50
Clay City	213.00	68.00
Elkhart	410.15	393.58
Flora	260.00	159.00
Fort Wayne (First)	1,694.85	2,507.42
Fort Wayne (Grace)	81.93	68.75
Goshen	100.00	115.00
Kokomo	127.98	134.38
Leesburg	444.69	709.07
Osceola	473.86	1,421.37
Peru	711.61	146.50
Sidney	445.50	620.27
South Bend	748.70	295.37
Warsaw	331.07	323.35
Wheaton, Ill.	145.00	162.00
Wtnona Lake	5,494.86	6,647.79
Total: Indiana	12,417.00	14,364.35
IOWA		
Cedar Rapids	546.50	448.00
Dallas Center	545.50	881.00
Davenport	22.25	
Garwin	402.71	118.30
Leon	49.85	27.00
North English (Calvary)		70.00
North English (Pleasant)	32.50	7.00
Waterloo	1,690.09	1,883.72
Winona, Minn.	26.00	37.68
Total: Iowa	3,315.40	3,472.70
MICHIGAN		
Alto	122.59	34.00
Berrien Springs	24.00	
Grand Rapids	20.00	37.00
Hastings		5.00
Lake Odessa	232.96	206.04
Lansing	108.96	31.25
New Troy	384.65	491.00
Ozark	71.77	
Total: Michigan	964.93	804.29
MID-ATLANTIC		
Alexandria, Va.	393.78	314.45
Hagerstown, Md. (Calvary)	409.81	379.68
Hagerstown, Md. (Gay St.)	85.28	81.75
Hagerstown, Md. (Grace)	1,194.25	1,190.96
Martinsburg, W. Va.	1,268.64	1,126.00
Seven Fountains, Va.	19.00	20.00
Washington, D. C.	4,070.47	3,808.80
Waynesboro, Pa.	434.98	456.47
Winchester, Va.	868.18	1,024.97
Total: Mid-Atlantic	8,744.39	8,403.08
MIDWEST		
Beaver City, Nebr.	48.02	2.50
Cheyenne, Wyo.	86.22	123.00
Cuba, N. Mex.	93.00	
Denver, Colo.	108.30	20.00
Portis, Kans.	355.05	416.00
Taos, N. Mex. (Canon)	87.63	84.81
Total: Midwest	778.22	646.31
NOR-CAL		
Chico, Calif.		35.00
Modesto, Calif. (La Loma)	433.69	369.25
Modesto, Calif. (McHenry)	53.67	10.00
Sacramento, Calif.	63.50	109.00
San Jose, Calif.	29.00	11.00
Tracy, Calif.	29.00	241.85
Total: Nor-Cal	608.86	776.10
NORTHERN ATLANTIC		
Allentown, Pa.	120.09	154.43
Harrisburg, Pa.	333.20	380.89
Hatboro, Pa.	112.00	70.00
Lancaster, Pa.	1.80	125.50
Palmyra, Pa.	594.26	789.84
Philadelphia, Pa. (First)	2,133.11	1,716.50
Philadelphia, Pa. (Third)	616.41	979.10
York, Pa.	505.55	237.38
Total: No. Atlantic	4,416.42	4,453.64
NORTHERN OHIO		
Akron (Fairlawn)	221.47	50.54
Akron (First)	1,215.21	931.20
Ankenytown	229.65	500.05
Ashland	3,285.00	3,045.00
Barberton	59.25	21.20
Bowling Green	15.00	60.00
Canton	2,055.35	841.13
Cleveland	167.73	141.68
Cuyahoga Falls	613.07	356.83
Danville	107.24	269.00
Elyria	336.10	234.25
Findlay	184.61	149.86
Fremont (Grace)	552.39	1,052.69
Galion	112.50	112.50
Homerville	299.89	327.03
Mansfield (Grace)	8,431.88	25,726.28
Mansfield (Woodville Grace)	83.10	207.80
Middlebranch	338.50	594.00
Rittman	631.78	954.85
Sterling	293.73	159.00
Wooster	1,385.83	1,082.26
Total: Northern Ohio	20,619.28	36,817.15
NORTHWEST		
Albany, Oreg.	98.00	72.05
Grandview, Wash.	58.60	170.54
Harrah, Wash.	343.00	892.00
Portland, Oreg.	26.85	
Seattle, Wash.	458.68	540.71
Spokane, Wash.	110.60	154.90
Sunnyside, Wash.	526.48	272.95
Toppenish, Wash.	25.50	20.60
Yakima, Wash.	105.89	43.21
Total: Northwest	1,753.60	2,166.96
SOUTHEAST		
Buena Vista, Va.	460.05	329.30
Covington, Va.	346.45	250.16
Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	1,340.65	801.90
Hollins, Va.	305.75	273.33
Johnson City, Tenn.	202.50	1,010.00
Limestone, Tenn.	53.00	69.50
Margate, Fla.	42.50	57.30
Roanoke, Va. (Clearbrook)	206.50	177.55
Roanoke, Va. (Garden City)	40.00	35.00
Roanoke, Va. (Ghent)	633.34	508.35
Roanoke, Va. (Wash. Hts.)	212.42	15.00
Virginia Beach, Va.		101.25
Total: Southeast	3,843.16	3,628.64
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND ARIZONA		
Anaheim, Calif.	100.08	19.00
Artesia, Calif.	51.85	42.50
Beaumont, Calif.	237.00	318.00
Bell, Calif.	74.73	35.00
Bellflower, Calif.	116.45	243.75
Compton, Calif.		435.68
Fallbrook, Calif.	5.00	25.00
Fillmore, Calif.	82.32	58.50
Gardena, Calif.	4.00	56.00
Glendale, Calif.	270.73	178.30
Inglewood, Calif.	921.39	541.08
La Verne, Calif.	318.00	78.00
Long Beach, Calif. (First)	8,014.68	4,976.75
Long Beach, Calif. (Los Altos)	214.76	80.00
Long Beach, Calif. (North)	1,482.35	885.12
Los Angeles, Calif.	76.00	32.50
Montclair, Calif.	118.64	101.10
Norwalk, Calif.	564.57	281.60
Paramount, Calif.	244.68	173.52
Phoenix, Ariz.	262.95	197.00
Rialto, Calif.	154.27	166.87
San Bernardino, Calif.	376.00	136.03
San Diego, Calif.	55.00	39.76
Seal Beach, Calif.	101.00	61.25
South Gate, Calif.	233.21	100.33
South Pasadena, Calif.	126.00	198.03
Temple City, Calif.	121.44	84.06
Tucson, Ariz.		10.00
Westminster, Calif.		11.08
Whittier, Calif. (Community)	319.05	1,448.89
Whittier, Calif. (First)	564.20	626.25
Total: So. Calif. & Ariz.	15,210.35	11,640.95
SOUTHERN OHIO		
Camden	69.00	41.53
Clayhole	70.50	24.25
Clayton	837.96	1,513.46
Covington	10.00	12.45
Dayton (First)	2,574.95	2,500.85
Dayton (Grace)		54.83
Dayton (N. Riverdale)	3,591.50	4,074.88
Dayton (Patterson Pk.)	203.00	315.50
Englewood	256.63	464.23
Kettering	59.78	61.24
Trotwood	75.65	98.15
Troy	144.56	200.19
Vandalia	25.00	162.30
West Alexandria	16.42	
Total: Southern Ohio	7,934.95	9,523.86
ISOLATED BRETHREN		
Puerto Rico		34.30
Other Isolated	304.00	240.09
Total: Isolated	304.00	274.39
Sub-totals: Church Gifts	88,894.89	108,966.83

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